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Fears over jobs put union bill back on shelf

By PHILIP BASSETT, ROSS TIEMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

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unemployment. The Chancellor has also taken the unusual step of inviting TUC leaders to a private meeting next week for talks on their ideas for economic recovery, and Michael Heseltine is to see a TUC delegation to discuss the state of industry and the pit

The moves are likely to mitate Thatcherite MPs wor-ied that John Major is emparking on more U-turns, but other Tories were relieved last

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Seven more pits set for closure

THE future for Britain's coal looked even bleaker after the chairman of British Coal, Neil Clarke, warned MPs that a seven more pits could close, as well as the 31 already earmarked for closure.

Only 14 of British Coal's 51 deep mines will have a long-term future under contracts being negotiated with the electricity generators, he told the Commons

Culture clash?

Parish councillors in Shenley fear their Hertfordshire village may face a clash of cultures after Hassidic Jews from north London offered to buy 300 house plots there. Page 12

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■ Norman Lamont has invited TUC chiefs for talks on the economy, and new laws to curb the unions are being delayed. But there is still little sign of the beer and sandwiches cosiness of the past

ing to avoid further confrontaan imminent storm over fierce public spending cuts.

By early last night more than 100 MPs had signed a Commons motion applauding Mr Major's new strategy for ending the recession and Norman Lamont will endorse his policy of emphasising growth in his key Mansion House speech tonight, although he will reiterate his determination to contain

Ministers had intended to bring in the latest round of legislation restricting trade



unions once the Commons returned, but they now believe that to introduce the bill against the background of public anger over unemployment and the pit closures would worsen the government's problems, leaving it open to charges of promoting irrelevant law while business and constituency pressures to take action over the economy

are rising. John Watts, chairman of the Treasury select committee, said that it was sensible "to avoid stirring the pot further," adding: "We had a very think legislative timetable in the summer, but there is enough around to keep us occupied now. Legislation imposing new restrictions on trade unions might seem slightly

insensitive in view of our little local difficulty

Formally, ministers will offer the excuse that the EC's 11th-hour decision last week on new standards of maternity time and payments is proving difficult to draft quickly into UK law, and will therefore hold up the employment bill. Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, insisted yester-day that the bill would be introduced in this parliamentary session, but would not say exactly when. She said it was rubbish to suggest that it was being postponed because of government's present

Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, welcorned the postponement of postponed further into the "far blue yonder". Ministers had, he said, clearly accepted that it was not the right time to undermine employees' rights: "They have sheared off. They know what they preposterous and would make them even more unpopular."

Meanwhile, Mr Lamont has invited TUC leaders to a meeting next Tuesday when Norman Willis and Rodney Bickerstaffe will present their strategy for economic recovery. Heartened by the invitation and by Mr Heseltine's tion to talk about the pit closures, Mr Willis has also written to Mr Major seeking an early interview to discuss

the economic situation. The meeting with Mr Lamont signals a thaw in the hostility which the govern-ment has ranged against workers' leaders for more than 13 years. It will be the first formal meeting outside the framework of their annual pre-budget meeting and for the past three years even those were conducted at the the National Economic Development Office (Neddy), which

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has been disbanded.



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'The honourable course of action is to resign'



John Wilby in his ambulance computer control room at Waterloo: "I am deeply conscious of the lack of public confidence"

Ambulance chief quits over 999 scandal

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE head of London's crisis-hit ambulance service resigned vesterday amid allegations that delays in answering 999 calls after the failure of a new E1.5 million computerised call-out system may have contributed to up to 20 deaths this week. An immediate independent enqui

ry into what went wrong with the system, which is designed to speed the way emergency calls are logged, given priority and answered, was ordered by the service. It accepted that its performance was a "matter of serious public concern", and

John Wilby, 53, who has been chief executive of the London Ambulance been expressed following service failures over the past few months. Having regard to those circumstances, I have decided that the bonourable course of action is to offer my resignation which the regional health authority has accepted."

Mr Wilby, who, as former head of the Scottish ambulance service, oversaw the ambulance response to the Lockerbie disaster, added: The board has kindly acknowledged the considerable progress which has been made over the past two years in modernising the service."

He was responsible for the introduction of the "computer-aided dis-

Service since August 1990, said last night: "I am deeply conscious of the last January to control ambulance operations. The system was designed operations. The system was designed which is at an all-time low." Accordto allocate 999 calls more efficiently, but for 36 hours on Monday and Tuesday the service was plunged into chaos when the computer system was put into full operation at the central control in Waterloo. Officers had to

revert to manual control. Chris Humphreys, a Nupe regional officer, said that ambulance staff, many in tears, told him they feared the delays of two to three hours or even longer may have resulted in ten to 20 deaths. Welcoming the independent review of the service, Mr Humphreys said: "The system does not work. We need a fresh pair of eyes and someone with different experi-

ing to recent government figures, he added, the London service responded to only 11 per cent of emergency calls within the required minimum time limit of 17 minutes.

The resignation announcement vas made in the Commons by Virginia Bottomley, the health secre-tary. She said: "My overriding concern is to ensure proper management is in place so that the problems can be

dealt with speedily and effectively."

Martin Gorham, deputy chief executive of South West Thames regional health authortity, will take over from Mr Wilby as acting chief executive of

Labour steps up drive to defeat Major

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LABOUR decided last night to turn next week's Commons debate on Maastricht into a full-scale attack on the prime minister's style and conduct of government, forcing the Tory whips to redouble their efforts to rally support for John

The efforts to pick off Con-servative rebels gained pace and urgency after the shadow cabinet decided unanimously that Labour MPs would be whipped to oppose the govern-ment, irrespective of the type of motion the cabinet decides to table today.

Although there was clear evidence of some of the potential rebels switching back to support the government, the Labour move meant that as few as 30 Tory critics could defeat Mr Major next week. The prime minister yesterday voiced confidence that he would win the vote, as senior ministers welcomed as a significant step forward the Danish government's proposals for putting its ratification process back on track.

A number of potential rebels were being won over as senior ministers saw them individually or in groups to try to convince them that they must back Mr Major in what has clearly become a confidence

vote next Wednesday. Britain's industrial leaders called on Tory MPs to ratify the treaty. Sir Michael Angus. president of the CBI. told a private meeting of the Tory backbench European affairs committee last night that the treaty would protect employment in Britain while rejection would result in falling inward

At the same time a counter-

attack was launched by loyalist backbenchers. In a letter to The Times today Sir Peter Emery, backed by more than 30 of his colleagues, accuses a small minority of MPs of trying to undermine the prime

In the Commons, Douglas Hurd called on Tory MPs to back the treaty, which he described as a compromise that was the only possible framework for a successful Community in the next few years. Underlining the importance of the vote to the prime minister's position, he said the Commons would have to decide "whether it wants the prime minister to preside over the Edinburgh summit -preserving and extending the influence of this country on what happens in Europe - or

whether it doesn't". Labour cited that statement last night as proof of their claim that the debate would be all about the authority of the prime minister. In the Commons, Jack Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, asked Mr Hurd: "How do you expect us

to support that?"
The Danish proposals for opt-outs on the single currency and defence parts of the treaty, and other concessions on immigration and law enforce-ment, were a mixed blessing for the government. They gave Tory MPs wanting to pull back from the brink of rebellion the chance to get off the Continued on page 2, col 5

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Recession-proof tactics take M&S profit up 20%

By MATTHEW BOND

MARKS & Spencer, the Rolls-Royce of Britain's high street stores, is purring through the recession with profits up al-most 20 per cent. The St Michael label returned profits of £257 million on higher sales of £2.24 billion with the winning combination of sell-

or less than than last year," he

ing expensive food and not quite so expensive clothes. Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairman, stressed vesterday that M & S's success was not at the expense of the customer. "Almost all our goods, 98.5 per cent, are at the same price

said, adding that suppliers had joined with the company in making cost savings and other improvements in

The losers in the battle against recession were 300 staff made redundant at M & S headquarters last year. Sir Richard said retirements and voluntary departures had cut head office numbers by a further 500. The savings have been backstage. We have

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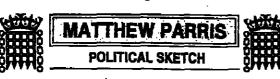
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Suede-tongued Hurd plays for time in muddy waters



Watching foreign office questions fielded yesterday by the suede-tongued Mr Hurd, you had to sympathise with the Opposition front bench. Every time they are poised to score, the government change the

Parliamentary tugs-o'-war are no fun unless both sides agree what counts as cheating. Lately, the Tory team has taken to tripping and falling on their backs in the mud before the Labour team has so much as tugged at the rope. Then the government leap up and shout "we won!". Outraged, the Oppo-sition shout back "oh no you didn'ti" to which the Tories chorus "oh yes we did!", Madam Speaker screams "order!" and the press reports an even draw.

Such is the reward for shamelessness. The Tories dance off to their constituencies for the weekend chuck-ling that they have had a tolerably good week. The Labour party are left screaming with frustration and demanding of John Smith why he has failed yet again to "pin it on them". But pin what, on whom, and how? Rebut daim with counterclaim, muddy the water and shout a lot — and most voters will wander away shaking their heads and muttering "six of one and half a dozen of the other" or "they're all as bad as each other".

Thus it was, at foreign office questions, that the Tories escaped again. MPs seemed to remember John Major having undertaken not to debate Maastricht until two things had been sorted out: Denmark and subsidiarity. Yesterday, a curious deafness afflicted ministers whenever either

On Maastricht, Douglas Hogg, a foreign office minister, simply ducked Labour's George Robertson, who protested that it was still unclear what Danish demands would be agreed. "I haven't been involved," said Hogg.

He declined to direct us to someone who had. So it was left to the Christopher Gill (C, Ludlow) to try again.
Gill is a known Euro-

rebel. From the front bench. two Tory whips (there is ther for mutual protection like beat-officers at midnight on Railton Road, glared round at Gill, pencils at the ready, as he asked the foreign secretary how he defined "subsidiarity". With an expression of mild surprise, Hurd remarked that subsidiarity had been defined already. Hurd beamed around. Surely everybody knew about subsidiarity ...

No. But the Liberals' Russell Johnston decided to let that ride, and return to Denmark. Hadn't the PM promised to delay the debate until "the Danish question has been resolved?"

H urd shifted from be-nign to cryptic. The Danes had asked for time. They have used the time. We have used the time," he added, mysteriously. The remark qualifies for inclusion in Mr Hurd's new book Zen and the Art of Foreign Office Ouestions.

Exasperated, his Labour shadow, Jack Cunningham. put it to him point blank before the Commons returned to Maastricht, he said, two things - Denmark and subsidiarity - were to have been settled. Had they been? As Cunningham spoke, a whip slid out carry-ing a big, thick railway

Mr Hurd paused. Perhaps only imagined I heard from the whips' office the faint cries of a backbencher as a heavy volume thudded into his skull. With a gentleness which was almost menacing, Mr Hurd remarked that debates ended in votes. and this one was seven days

Yes, but. Too late. Questions were

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Labour aims to vote down government on Maastricht

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

LABOUR MPs will vote against the government in next week's Commons debate on Maastricht despite the publication of Denmark's plan to salvage the treaty.

The shadow cabinet decided in principle last night that Mr Major's decision to elevate the vote into an issue of confidence in his leadership and the turmoil of recent weeks has given Labour justifiable grounds for trying to vote down the government without compromising its credentials as a pro-European party.

The blurring of one of its two pretexts for changing its line on Europe brought allegations of opportunism against Labour last night. The party had said that the paving debate should not take place until the Danish position was known. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said John Smith, the Labour leader, was performing "intellectual distortions" in considering a vote that might damage and possibly kill Maastricht.

The disclosure of the Danish plan, seeking opt-outs for

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Denmark on the single currency and defence, and safeguards on immigration and law enforcement, was cautiously welcomed by the government yesterday. Senior officials voiced optimism that under John Major's presidency at the Edinburgh summit a deal would be done, allowing the Danish government to put a revised plan to its people next year and to get the

back on track. It has, however, given further ammunition to Mr Major's critics who immediately demanded that any concessions granted to Denmark should be extended to Britain. Labour's decision to vote against the government is causing reservations among the party's enthusiastic pro-European wing, although the overwhelming majority of Labour MPs is looking forward to being able to vote in the same lobby on Europe.

Maastricht ratification process

Even the most ardent pro-Europeans said yesterday they saw little alternative to a decision to oppose the government. Giles Radice, MP for Durham North, said: "They are going around saying this is an issue of confidence in the government and in John Major. And in these circumstances it is almost impossible for even somebody who is so enthusiastic a European as I am to vote with the

Margaret Beckett, Labour's deputy leader, said yesterday that next week's debate had nothing to do with the Maastricht treaty. She said Labour had always said that it not only had to be clear how the Danish dilemma might be resolved, but whether it would be resolved. It was obvious that that was not yet settled.

She said: "It is absolutely crystal clear that the reason for this debate has nothing whatsoever to do with the Maastricht Treaty, its contents or its timing. It is all to do with the prime minister trying to reassert his authority."

She added: "It is extremely

likely that we will oppose it because the whole country icy, no inuusin have a government in tatters and we are being asked to say they are doing a wonderful job." She said Labour had consistently called for a delay on the Bill until it was absolutely clear how the Danish proposals would work.

"The people who are being opportunistic and twisting about are the government. It is the prime minister who, in his panic and his pique, decided to announce he was making it an issue of confidence. It is they who have changed the ground on which this debate is taking place."

After presentation to the Danish parliament tomorrow the formal proposals will be sent to Britain as the EC

presidency next week. The government intends to launch into negotiations with European Community partners with a view to reaching an agreement at Edinburgh. The aim is to enable the second Danish referendum to take place in the first half of next

British officials said that there would be hard negotiations on the issues of most concern to the Danes, aithough they were adamant that the treaty would not be renegotiated. A senior government official said: "We believe it should be possible to reach agreement at Edinburgh on the basis of this memorandum. That is what we aim to

The near unity in Labour ranks was underlined by re-marks by Neil Kinnock, the former leader and the architect of Labour's pro-European shift. He said the party should do everything it could to defeat the government in the name of Britain's national interest

and of a stronger Europe. record-breaking capacities for injustice and incompetence since then, he said. "When that government puts its head on the line, the Opposition's job for the sake of the country is to run over that head and that is what we shall do."

John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said: "It is still really a motion about confidence in this prime minister . . . I haven't got confidence in this prime minister, not only myself but apparently most of the Tory Party and certainly the country."

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Smith is caught in Wilson's dilemma

By Peter Riddell, political editor

A LEADER of the Opposition is under pressure to attack an unpopular and divided government over an issue where there is little real difference between the parties. Most Labour MPs want their leader to go for the jugular. That is the course of unity, even if not consistency. That was Harold Wilson's predicament after 1970 and it is John Smith's now, ahead of next Wednesday's European debate in the

Parallels with the early 1970s should not be taken too far. But the dilemma is the same how to be an active Opposition while looking like a credible alternative govern-ment. Mr Wilson's position

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was much weaker than Mr Smith's is now. If Labour had won the election in 1970, it would have made a fresh bid to join the Community on roughly the same terms that the Heath government accepted. In face of a divided party, used the pretext that the terms were not right to justify opposi-tion, even though 69 MPs, including a young Mr Smith, defied the whips and voted for entry in principle in October 1971, Mr Wilson paid a price for his manoeuvrings in damage to the party's credibility. Labour regained office in 1974 thanks more to the government's failures than its

Mr Smith has greater freedom of manoeuvre. He received the overwhelming backing of his party for a strongly pro-EC position at Labour's conference a month ago. The anti-EC forces, while vocal, are much weaker than 20 years ago. But following

own efforts.

the government's fiascos of the past six weeks, even pro-EC Labour MPs agree with the shadow cabinet's decision last night to vote against the government in view of Mr need week's debate into an issue of confidence, whatever the terms of the motion.

That is more convincing than the other Labour argu ment that the Maastricht bill should not be revived until the EC attitude to the new Danish proposals is considered at the Edinburgh summit in mid-December. That is as thin as Mr Wilson's complaints about entry terms not being right. But does this tactical stance,

which should unite almost all Tory MPs behind the prime minister, compromise Labour's underlying Euro-pean credentials? Mr Smith will argue next week that a Labour government would press ahead with Maastricht, with the addition of the social chapter. The real test will be what the party does over the bill itself. Diehard critics of the EC argine that Labour has the chance to unite with Tory Labour leaders do not believe there is any realistic chance of bringing down the govern-ment. Hence, while Labour should oppose closure or guillotine motions, it should not vote against the bill.

Pro-EC Labour MPs are however, worried that any short-term gains from these manoeuvrings may compromise the party's long-term prespects. Labour has not been trusted. Its support for the EC has symbolised its willingness to modernise. Any fudging on Maastricht would undermine voters' trust and the party's credibility. Mr Smith has a strong hand at present, but he should not

Labour sets up drive to beat Major

Continued from page I hook. But they were also seized upon by the hardline rebels who demanded that Britain should be granted any new concessions allowed to Denmark to get it through its ratification process.

The shadow cabinet decided that it would require all Labour MPs to vote against the government on Wednesday. If there is a technical motion it will vote against it; if, as now seems almost certain, it is a substantive motion. Labour will table an amendment complaining that the bill is being brought back too soon. Its decision means that Mr Major will need to table a substantive motion to be sure of securing the votes of the Liberal Democrats.

At a London press conference Mr Major said there was no conflict between Britain starting the ratification process and Denmark negotiating with the EC on the terms it needed to put Maastricht back to its people in a second referendum. Asked whether he would resign if he lost the vote, Mr Major replied: "I do not believe we are going to lose the vote."

Mr Major ruled out any renegotiation of the treaty to make Danish ratification more likely. There is no intention of renegoriating the treaty itself."

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Danish deal boosts UK role

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN STRASBOURG

PUBLICATION of the Danish government's new bargaining position over Maas-tricht has helped to put Britain's EC presidency back on track, according to Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister.

The Danish parliament is to formally agree a list of requested changes to the Maastricht treaty tomorrow. Mr Garel-Jones said yesterday that he was "pretty confident" that Britain could now steer the EC back into "safe harbour" with a deal reconciling Denmark and other EC countries.

If Britain can persuade the rest of the EC to "change the treaty without amending it". as Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, puts it, Denmark may be able to have the treaty passed in a referendum. just under a year from now. Britain wants to hammer out the compromise at the Edinburgh summit in December.

The EC plan to push Maastricht through runs on two tracks. First, the jumble of supra-national and inter-governmental institutions are supposed to come closer to the people. The Edinburgh summit will write solemn dec larations on subsidiarity. openness and accessibility.

The rhetoric has to be converted into measures. Yesterday, the European Commission made clear that it would fight any attempt to roll back. its powers. Members agree that they will subject their ideas to tests to make sure that they are necessary, but will not countenance any drive to "stop the film" of EC development.

Commission advisers say the will be tailored for Den-EC must have the strength to mark, its demands now essentially limited to insisting on regulate the single market. The House of Commons guarantees that Danes will not committee on Europe has just serve in any European army, released an analysis of Maastan opt-out from a single curricht by one of its senior law-yers. Gordon Gammie. Subsrency, and promises that the

EC cannot push non-Danes idiarity is fine as a political into Danish citizenship.
"One or two points" will be principle, he says, but making it legally enforceable is fraught hard, a senior British source with complexity. Will a politsaid yesterday. That underical restraint be enough for Mr Major to tell sceptics he has tamed Jacques Delors? statement is the measure of the distance Mr Major must go to be sure of any success in The second set of changes

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Robbery case man changed in ten days into intoxicated zombie, court told

Police prisoner died 'after injections of drug cocktail'

A MAN in police custody died after being given large doses of five powerful drugs by two police surgeons, a court heard yesterday. Graham Rawlin-son, 23, a remand prisoner being held on suspicion of robbery, changed in ten days from a fit, healthy young man into an intoxicated zombie, Nottingham Crown Court was

Rawlinson, a roofer, of Levenshulme, Manchester, where he lived with his girlfriend and three year old son, was a registered heroin addict and had been treated for his drug dependency after being transferred from Strangeways prison following the nots in May 1990, said Peter Birts, QC, for the prosecution.

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In September he was transferred to Grimsby police station and came under the supervision of Dr Churlam Salim and his colleague Dr Dhirendra Saha. The prose-cution alleges that both doc-tors recklessly over prescribed a toxic combination of five drugs which led to Rawlinson's death by pulmonary

Dr Saha, 55, of Grimsby, and Dr Salim, also 55, of Waltham, Grimsby, deny manslaughter.

The two doctors prescribed 160mg of the tranquilliser Temazepam, which has a maximum safe dose of 60mg, and 80mg of the tranquilliser Valium, although the maximum safe dose is 30mg. He was also prescribed Largactil, a potent drug which is used in the treatment of mental illnesses and also acts to

other drugs. "From his third day at Grimsby he was receiving five times the maximum safe dosage of tranquilliser drugs," Mr Birts said.
Two days after he was

transferred police officers and Mr Rawlinson's cell mates noticed a change in his appearance and how he began to shur his speach, became un-steady on his feet and acted as if he was a zombie, the court was told. "The day before he died he was unable to talk he was not just zombie-like but had become quite incoher-ent," Mr Birts said.

The combination of drugs was administered until the sixth day when a fourth drug, Methodone, used for treating drugs addicts experiencing the pain of withdrawal symptoms, was introduced, taken up:

Diane McCarrick, Rawlinson's girlfriend, telephoned him the day before he died but found him difficult to understand. She later telephoned back and complained to police about his condition. In the afternoon Rawlinson telephoned his mother but she found him incoherent and

The drugs finally shut down Rawlinson's heart's pumping action, the court was told. After being rushed into emergency at a local hospital Raw-linson was sent back to police cells, where he died early the following morning. Mr Birts said: "The last thing Graham Rawlinson as a former addict should have been given were these powerful long-acting

Hours before Rawlinson's death Dr Salim had examined



him and made a note expressmedical supervision of the two ing his worries over the levels of drugs Rawlinson was receiving, Mr Birts said. "It was a story of gross over-prescription. It was unlawful killing by reckless or gross negligence." He said that just 48 hours before Rawlinson's death Dr Earlier, the court heard how Salim wrote on Rawlinson's records that the levels of a relief surgeon, called in

though he failed to act upon his own diagnosis. Mr Birts said Rawlinson was fitter and more alert in police custody than when arrested because since his arrest he had been successfully weaned off drugs and was making good progress. "But in Grimsby he came under the

dosages he was receiving

should be "tailed off", al-

defendants, who were respon-sible for prisoners held in custody. It was a gross miscalculation to prescribe as they did and demonstrates a lamentable lack of regard for the care and safety of their

while both doctors were on holiday, was shocked when he discovered the level of prescriptions being given to prisoners in the cells at Grimsby. Dr Derek Luck refused to increase or maintain prescription levels when he attended the police station in May 1990, six months before Rawlinson's death.



Denying manslaughter: Dr Churlam Salim, left, and Dr Dhirendra Saha, who attended to Graham Rawlinson



Man remanded over chopped-off hand

A man was remanded in custody yesterday, charged with attempting to murder a policeman whose hand was severed with a ceremonial samurai sword. Peter Gilchrist, 33, a warehouseman, was accused in Haringey magistrates' court of trying to kill Det Sgt Bob Window two days ago at a flat in Tottenham, north London. An application for bail was

Det Sgt Window, 39, a father of two, is recovering in Mount Vernon Hospital, northwest London, after surgeons worked for 112 hours to re-attach his left hand. He said yesterday that he already had some feeling in his fingers and was optimistic that he might be able to return to work. He praised everyone involved in his recovery, from air ambulance crew to paramedics, nurses, surgeons and hospital staff. "I just cannot believe how great everyone has been," he said. "They have all been fantastic."

David Gault, consultant plastic surgeon at the hospital, said that Det Sgt Window's chances of recovery were excellent. It was hoped that he would be able to resume driving and playing cricket.

Police seize 'UDA files'

Police yesterday launched their biggest crackdown against the loyalist Ulster Defence Association since it was outlawed in August. Members of the specialist C13 anti-racketeering squad, backed by uniformed officers, carried out widespread raids on premises across Protestant areas of Belfast searching for evidence of the UDA's illegal money-raising and laundering operations. More than 100 RUC members were believed to be involved. In the north of the city they raided about 20 private houses and at least two business premises. Carrying documentation signed by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, the officers took away files and computers, which will be studied by C13. It is understood no arrests are planned at this stage.

Ford orders cuts

Ford is to close its biggest UK plant for a week as the recession drives the company into further cuts in production. More than 5,000 workers at Dagenham, Essex, have been told to stay at home next week. Ford will lose production of more than 5,000 cars worth about £45 million. Yesterday Ford Motor Company reported in Detroit worldwide losses of £93 million in the third quarter of the year. Its British and European operations are expected to run up a deficit for the second year running. Ford, page 26

Orkney chief staying on

Paul Lee, the Orkney social work director who told staff to take nine children from home in dawn raids, said yesterday that he would not resign. He was criticised in Lord Clyde's report, published on Tuesday, on council and police handling of allegations of ritual abuse. The Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, whose officials were condemned for not keeping an open mind about the allegations, said it would probably be reluctant to become involved in investigating such complex cases again.

Charity warns of unrest

Increased social unrest could follow any further cuts in funds for community projects, the Children's Society said yesterday. The charity, which amounced a deficit of E3UU,UUU IOT 1991-2 at its an was becoming more difficult as the recession deepened Families living on estates "blighted by poverty and unemployment" were hardest hit. More reductions in expenditure on projects run with local authorities would be the final blow, the charity said.

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A radical revamp of rape legislation is needed for male and female victims, the Commons was told yesterday. A ten-minute rule bill, sponsored by Harry Cohen, Labour MP for Leyton, proposes changes in the law to provide more rights for victims and to recognise male rape and rape within marriage as offences. The bill was given a formal first reading. However, unless adopted by the Home Office, it has no chance of becoming law because of lack of parliamen-Leading article, page 21

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Beckett's forgotten dream stirs up a fair to middling storm



Beckett: was known not to be proud of the book

INCLAND CORRESPONDENT

SAMUEL Beckett's first novel, written 60 years ago in Paris, was published for the first time in Dublin yesterday amid a publisher's row about its failure also to appear in

Dream of Fair to Middling Women, an autobiographical story of a young man's travels through Europe and his deep-ly self-reflective musings on art and sex, was a work of which Beckett was not proud: in-deed, he went as far as to describe it as "a bit of old shit". However, he agreed to a request by Eoin O'Brien, a

■ Samuel Beckett's early musings on sex and art are published posthumously amid stirrings of controversy

Dublin cardiologist and Beckett enthusiast who knew the author well, that he edit and publish the work posthumously through his Black Cat Press. Dr O'Brien's hardback first edition may eventually retail in Britain at £18.99, but may not be available for some years. The reason for the delay, which was criticised by leading figures in the publishing industry yesterday, lies in a

dispute between Dr O'Brien

and John Calder, whose London-based company has published most of Beckett's

prose and poetry to date.

Mr Calder, who was also a close friend of Beckett, was to have published Dream in collaboration with Dr O'Brien but he backed out because of what he considers the extravagance of the edition. "They've gone overboard on the thing," he said yesterday. "The editor of the book just went wild with

special paper, wide margins appear in London was desart book." Mr Calder said that he hoped to strike a distribution deal in Britain for the Black Cat edition, but it had not been possible because of disputes over financing. Dr O'Brien said that Mr

Calder had wanted to "alter the original quality of the publication" to the extent that he did not feel happy that it would have done justice to a first publication of a work by Beckett. He said he hoped that some of the 8,000 first edition copies launched at the Dublin Writers Museum would find

their way to Britain. The failure of the book to

dispute underlines the unsatisfactory circumstance of a leading author being published by a small house. "I would even go so far as to say it is time to go back and look at the original manuscripts — there should be a definitive complete works of Beckett," one

editor at a leading publishing

house. "Apart from not serv-

ing Beckett's reputation, it

doesn't serve the interests of

the reading public. There is a

terrific following for Beckett."

Other critics believe that the

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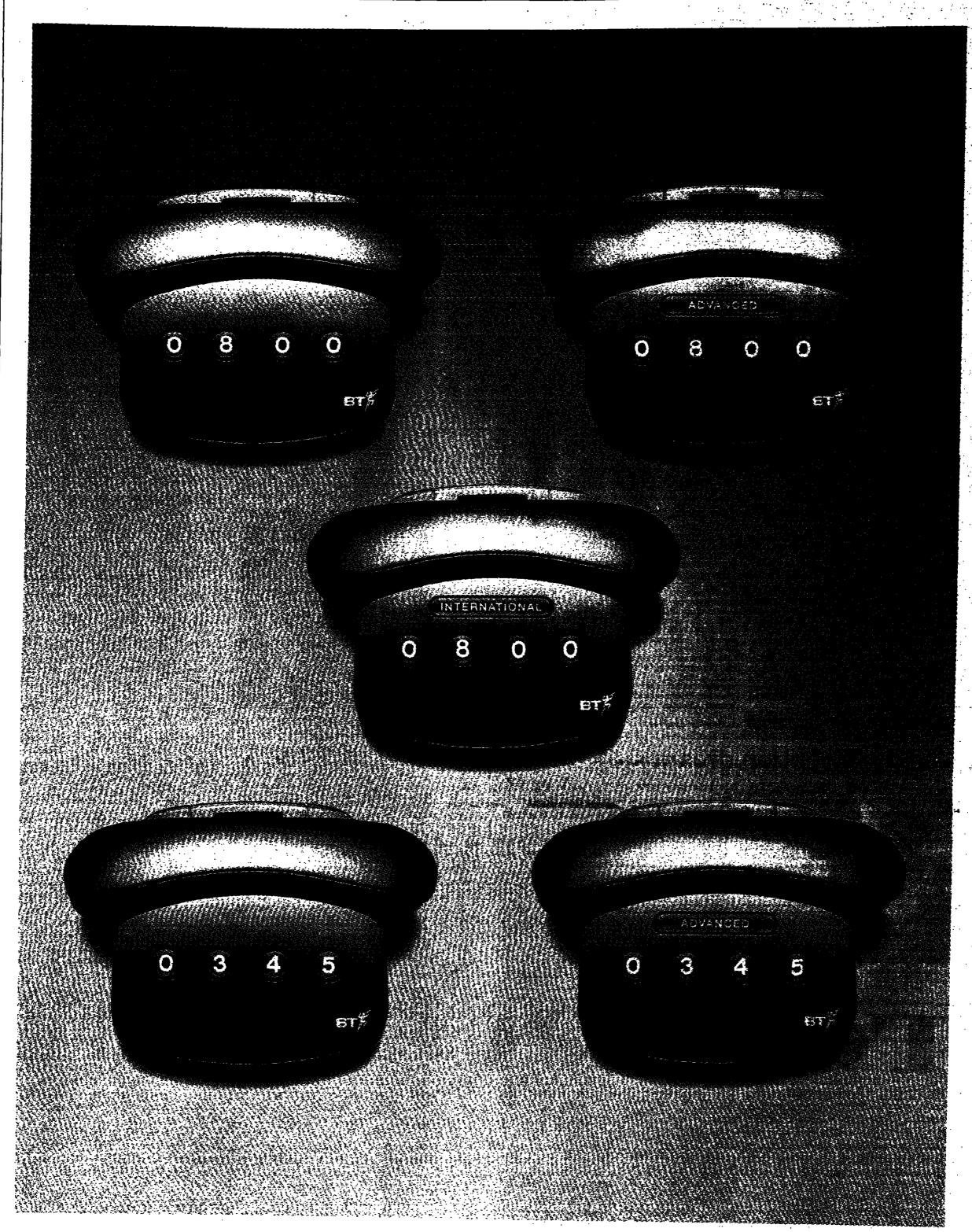






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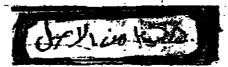
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Rise in offences

Reported crime up 11% but bigger total stays hidden

- BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

per cent to 5.5 million offences in the 12 months to July but the rate of increase is apparently slowing according to Home Office figures pub-

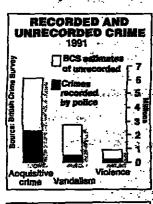
lished yesterday.

However, the findings of a crime survey, also released yesterday showed that the majority of crimes were not reported to the police. The British Crime Survey, which covers England and Wales, found that for every offence recorded by the police, two crimes went unreported, suggesting that many people re-

garded crime as part of life. The survey estimated 15 million crimes occurred in 1991. It found the increase in offences, reported or not, since 1981 was 49 per cent. The percentage of offences reported to the police had risen from 31 in 1981 to 43 last year, but those recorded by the police rose 96 per cent over the

The survey found that many crimes, such as the theft of milk, were not reported because victims believed they were not serious enough or that the police would be unable to take effective action. It said the increase in recorded crime could be because of more offences being reported to the police, perhaps due to the rise in telephone ownership from 75 per cent in 1981. to 88 per cent in 1991.

According to the survey burglary and other thefts. reported or not, have increased since 1981 at a similar rate to recorded crime and have nearly doubled. But the





RECORDED crime rose 11 survey found that vandalism and crimes of violence had risen much less rapidly than indicated by police statistics. Since 1987 acquisitive crime, vandalism and violent of fences recorded by the police had risen 39 per cent, com-pared with 14 per cent accord-

ing to the survey.

The survey, carried out earlier this year, involved inter-views with 10,000 people across the country. It reflected the findings of three earlier studies which showed a gulf between the number of crimes committed and the number recorded by police.

Michael Jack, a junior Home Office minister, said: "It is reassuring that our in depth look at crime through the British Crime Survey has shown that over the Eighties the increase in crime is less than the recorded crime statistic would suggest." He added: "We take some encouragement from the figures but I do not want anybody to think we are being complacent." Crime was still unacceptably high. The survey found that most

crimes were against property with 36 per cent involving a vehicle, 9 per cent were bur-glaries and 30 per cent were other kinds of theft. Violent crime, including wounding and robbery, accounted for 5 per cent of the total, but assaults involving little or no injury accounted for a further 12 per cent of offences. The survey did not include crime involving children under 16. shoplifting, fraud or commercial burglaries.

Home Office officials believe that the survey provided a more accurate assessment of the real level of crime than the snapshot reports of offences recorded by police. They said that recorded crime figures can be misleading about trends, especially as readiness to report crime to the police is determined by various factors, including in-surance requirements. In 1991, 50 per cent of theft or damage incidents were covered by insurance, compared

with 37 per cent in 1987. Figures for sex crimes were often linked with police tactics. such as whether they made the reporting of rape easier or how seriously they pursued homosexual offenders.

The 11 per cent rise in crime in England and Wales to the end of June compared with 18 per cent to the end of June 1991. Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, said: "The government shows a complacent disregard for what, on any basis, are appalling

Relative rates of crime and attempted crime

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Modern family housing	60	N	70
Older middle-status	70	100	60
housing Affluent suburban	,,0		
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Better-off retirement areas	70	80	70
Medium risk	100	160	100
Older terraced housing Better-off council estates	120 90	160 110	120
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estates	150	160	100
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High-status non-family	220	150	250
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Desirable city areas top mugging target

PEOPLE living in fashionable districts of cities where few young families live are more at risk of being mugged or having their homes burgled than people in other areas of the country, apart from de-prived council estates and mixed inner city areas (Rich-

Residents of London boroughs such as Kensington and Chelsea face a risk of burglary 2.2 times the average and a risk of robbery and theft from the person that is 2.5 times the average, according to the findings of the British Crime

Only people living in the poorest council estates have a higher risk of burglarly. though residents of mixed

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est risk of becoming the victim of a robbery or their from the

The survey found that a person living in a mixed inner city area had a risk of mugging which was 3.4 times the national average. This com-pared with 2.0 for those living in the poorest council estates and half the average for those in agricultural districts.

People living on the poorest council estates faced the highest risk of burglary and car crime around their homes: 2.8 and 2.4 times the average respectively. But for residents in a low risk areas such as agricultral districts, the risk of burglary and car crime is only a fifth of the average.



Game aids disabled therapy

Flying Mice: Daniel Hurley.
7, left, putting a computer game for disabled people through its paces yesterday. The computer system, called Mice. encourages disabled people to excercise and gain better control of their bodies by playing games (Nick Nuttail writes).

It uses sensors linked to the patient's limbs to monitor control of movement. Daniel, whose father is on the physical therapy teaching staff at King's College Hospital London, piloted a fighter aircraft using his wrists, ankles and arms.

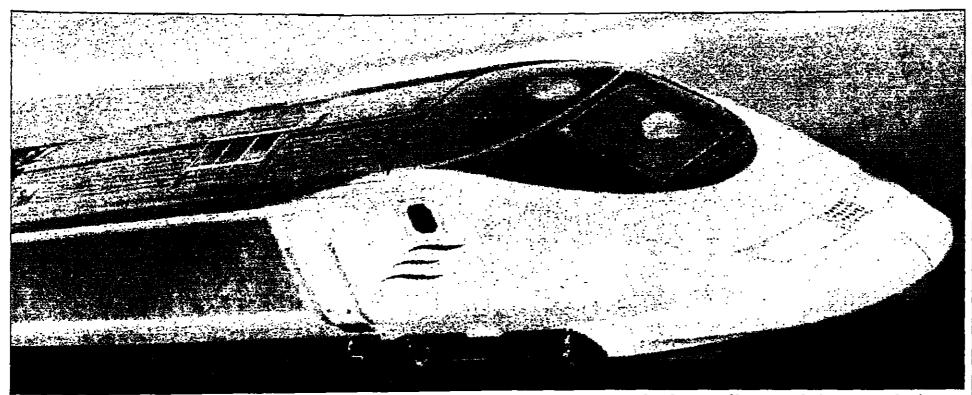
Peter Ramage, of Penny and Giles Biometrics, of Blackwood, Gwent, which developed the device, said that the system could be used as part of therapy. After a session, a printout could be obtained to compare improvements in movement. The system would also allow older people to access a computer for work, communication,

excercise, play or information. Unlike earlier systems, Mice uses small, light, sen-sors attached to the skin. The sensitivity of the sensors can be matched to the level of a person's disability.





Eurostar 186mph trains promise London-Paris trip in three hours



Fast mover ... except through Kent, where a leisurely 60mph will, as the BR chairman says, give passengers the advantage of having ample time to enjoy the view

SIXTY high speed trains a day will run between London, Paris and Brussels through the Channel tunnel when international rail services are launched in 1994. British, French and Belgian railways announced yesterday (Michael Dynes writes from Paris).

The services will be marketed under the Eurostar name and travel up to 186mph, offering journey times between London and Paris of 3 hours, and between London and Brussels of 3 hours 15 minutes. The service plans to erode the dominance of air transport in the London, Paris. Brussels short haul markets, with a first class return ticket likely to be between £200 and £350. Economy and Apex tickets will also be

Completion of the proposed highspeed line between Brussels and Lille, in France, in 1996 will reduce journey times between London and Brussels to 2 hours 40 minutes. Britain's proposed Channel tunnel high speed rail link, expected at the turn of the century, will cut journey times by a further 30 minutes. Three termini are being built for the Eurostar service, which will run

between Waterloo International in London, Gare du Nord in Paris, and Gare du Midi in Brussels. An additional terminal is planned at King's Cross station to serve the Channel tunnel rail link. The Eurostar service is being seen

as the first components of the proposed European high-speed rail network which promises to bring significant reductions in rail journey times across Europe. Eurostar's million fleet Transmanche super-trains, seven of which have been designed to travel to destinations including Edinburgh, Birmingham and Manchester, will use the tunnel with Eurotunnel's shuttle trains, which will carry road vehicles.

The Transmanche super-trains, each a quarter of a mile long, will be capable of speeds up to 186mph. These will, however, be achieved only in France. In Britain, average speeds will be nearer 60mph although the trains can do a maximum 100mph on some sections of the existing line between Folkestone and Waterloo. The trains are modified versions of the French Train à Grande Vitesse. Because Britain's

loading gauge is smaller than that in continental Europe, the trains have to be built to a smaller scale. Technical difficulties encountered in building the trains to British standards have led to one year delivery

Asked if he was embarrassed about the slow speed of the highspeed trains once they reach Britain, Sir Bob Reid, BR chairman, said: There are advantages of going through Kent slowly. It is one of the most beautiful parts of the country. Passengers will enjoy going through it at a leisurely pace.

Arts world scours the cosmos in search of cultural clues

BY ALISON ROBERTS ARTS REPORTER

ONE year after the playwright David Hare asserted that Keats really was better than Bob Dylan, the great and the good in British arts and broadcasting sat down yesterday to resolve the question: what is culture and to whom does it belong?

After almost two hours. Professor Christopher Frayling, of the Royal College of Art. summed up: "We haven't come up with any answers, but you never do when you start with such a

Billed as The Culture Debate and forming a centrepiece to the three-day arts and broadcasting conference in shot full of contradiction. Jeremy Isaacs, general director of the Royal Opera House. plurality of cultures. "Everyone supports a football team

The essence of culture has eluded the world for centuries. A conference in Brighton yesterday concluded that the answer may be delayed a little longer

and everyone eats baked beans, but they also enjoy an expensive meal now and again," he said inexplicably. The author and playwright

Fay Weldon said that television had destroyed one culture and provided a lesser version in its place. "Why read books when television provides you with your window on the world? What has happened to the music halls and pop songs that used to sweep through the country?" in cheek.

Alan Yentob, controller of BBC2, defended the "box in the corner". It had democratised culture by allowing every-one access to the traditionally

high arts. Screening opera on BBC2 had proved a successful leveller and had helped to redefine opera's audience.

journalist Patrick

Wright set out to provide a brow culture, he said. Before Keats and Dylan, it had been the Beatles versus Beethoven. "Then something happened in the eighties

that the man on the street still

historical view. There had always been an opposition between popular and high-

now there should be a reassaid vaguely. The panel agreed that arts and culture were separate. Brian Eno. known for his experimental pop music, said

> vision: images that were usually stereotypical. Mr Yentob said that value udgments had to be made. Minority and popular cultures had to be represented on the BBC to ensure that the corporation belonged to everyone. We do have a responsibility to a wide audience and, by making certain judgments, we

of both. That would be re-

solved with the advent of more

Others disagreed hotly. Dennis Marks, head of music

programmes at the BBC, said

that the reverse was true.

"What one actually finds is

that, with the exception of

certain services - pornogra-

phy and sport for example -

the mix is very much smaller

when there are 500 channels."

would suffer if broadcasting

was subject to the "censorship

of the textbook", he said, and

then there would be no cultur-

al debate to be had. No one

dared to say that that might

and it certainly created the

Lochhead said. The important

question was who controlled

television and who chose what

to put on. Normally such

people were white, middle

class and male, she said to

applause. Culture was defined

by what people saw on tele-

Television itself was culture

be no bad thing.

The nation's cultural life

television channels.

are telling people about what our values and priorities are." The writer Mike Phillips rounded the debate off by voicing the feelings of many in the audience. "I remember hearing David Hare's com-

By Michael McCarthy, environment correspondent

woman, said. Along with

everybody else, we want to see

anyone who is causing offence

The resolution, with 16 sig-

natures, has been proposed by

Roland Hitchcott, a computer

consultant from Bourne-

mouth, who put forward a similar resolution at the annu-

al meeting in 1989. It was

disallowed on procedural grounds. He said: "There's a

huge area that the naturists

have taken over with their

bully-boy tactics and the au-

thorities have just given up

trying to clear them out. There

are a lot of complaints and it's

dealt with by the police."

Prince urges moral aspect to education

By Alan Hamilton

EVER-HIGHER requirements for technical and vocational learning in schools should not be achieved at the expense of life's more cultural disciplines, the Prince of Wales told a conference of businessmen and educationists yesterday.

The prince was continuing a theme he launched last year. when he complained bitterly at the average British schoolchild's ignorance of Shakespeare. In his speech in Salford, Greater Manchester, yesterday, he returned to promoting the spiritual side of

life in a technological society. Education was not just for work, but for life, he said. It was a process which had to prepare young people for the assumption of responsibility, for an active approach to citizenship and for an understanding of life's spiritual and moral dimensions: values which were too easily submerged in the endless search for short-term profit or buried beneath the more debilitating aspects of consumerism.

Dealing adequately with these needs means placing proper emphasis on an appreciation of history, literature, art and drama - all parts of our extraordinarily rich cultural heritage," the prince said.

He plans to launch a summer school for teachers next year to improve their appreciation of Shakespeare. Yesterday, he noted with approval a scheme launched by the English Shakespeare Company and supported by the computer company IBM to help young pupils develop an understanding of the Bard's theatre. He has said he never understood the plays when taught them at Gordonstoun but only when, in later life, he

serious, but the National Trust

are trying to deny there's a

The governing council of the trust, which took over Studland in 1982, rejects his

proposal, denying that there is

concern within the trust or

that people are being advised

to avoid the area. Discussions will take place with police on

how to control "the activities of

a small minority of visitors

whose behaviour causes offence", the council says in a statement, adding: "The trust

has not sought to influence

public opinion on the extent to

which naturism should or

manager for the trust's Wessex

region, said that the trust had

taken over an established tra-

dition of naturism when it

inherited the property. "It's

not something we would want

to put a stop to, indeed I don't

think you could," she said.

"The trust's view is, live and let

live. Simple naturism is not

against the law, and we take

the view it should be allowed

This summer, she said, the

trust had co-operated with a

police operation against men

allegedly committing acts of

gross indecency in nearby

sand dunes, which had result-

ed in 13 arrests and eight

to continue peaceably."

Liz Roberts, public affairs

should not be allowed."

saw them performed by Kenneth Branagh.

The prince also claimed success for the "Compact" idea of partnerships between individual schools and local business and industry. A total of 140 such schemes are now operating, whereby pupils are offered work experience and lectures from businessmen. who in turn offer their expertise to help to run the school.

England had traditionally given a low priority to education compared with its neighbours, but it should not be tempted to let educational standards slide during a recession, the prince said. "The present recession is causing pain and difficulty throughout the community, and has affected the highly skilled almost qualifications. It has been particularly demoralising for those who have raised their sights and been successful in further and higher education, only to find that employment opportunities are still depressingly scarce."

The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



ETIQUETTE Lesson No 1 thow to converse people at partiesh How are you settling in, then?" (John Major) "Sausage roll?" (Linda

McCartney). "Sure that you're warm enough?" (Madonna). "Is the disco-music loud

enough for you?" (Sir Kingsley Amis). "And you are . . . ?" (Lord

"Keeping busy, then?" (Prince Edward). "Hi! You must be the mud-wrestler!" (Andrea Dworkin).

"Orange or lemon?"
(John Osborne).
"I find ordinary, decent people so much more interesting, don't you?" (Bet-

ty Kenward).
"What a marvelious mask!" (Sir Roy Strong). "Stand by for the hokey-(Sir Edward cokey!"

lager" (Lord Jenkins of "Quick! It's The Birdy Song!" (Sir Norman Fowler). "These vicars and tarts

"Help yourself to the

parties are always good for a laugh, don't you think?" (Ian Paisley). "Let me introduce you to Sue. Sue's a typist from Worthing and she doesn't know a soul" (Lord

Weidenfeld). "Cheer up! It might never happen!" (Norman Lamonti

"We've been seeing a lot of you in the papers recent-ly" (the Duchess of York). "Can I get you a chair?" (Mick Jagger).
"No rest for the wicked,

eh?" (Kevin Maxwell). "Still, you've got to laugh" (Harold Pinter).

Festival to mark Leeds centenary

TWO ballets, a violin concerto, another for piano and wind instruments and an oratorio have been commissioned as part of a £1.25 million programme of events to celebrate the centenary of the city of Leeds next year (Paul Wilkin-

"The success of Leeds in all sorts of spheres is one of the city's best-kept secrets. Now we want the world to know how good we are." Bernard Atha, chairman of the city council's centenary committee, said at its launch yesterday. "We are the second largest [city] in Britain in terms of size, the third in population, with a mosaic of activities.

"For too long people have thought of us as a dirty, smoky horror. That has long gone. Leeds was recently called the greenest city in Europe after

The two ballets, one classical and one with a jazz theme are being created by Northern Ballet, which is based in the Howard Blake, who wrote the music for The Snowman, Raymond Brigg's dassic cartoon, and was commissioned by the Princess of

Wales to write a piano concerto for her thirtieth birthday, is preparing a violin concerto for performance by Christiane Edinger, the German soloist, next February.

A piano and wind composi-

tion by David Bedford, the contemporary London composer, will have its première in July as the climax of a festival of wind music in Leeds during the first half of next year. The choral piece, A Song of Liberty, was written for the celebrations by Dmitri Smirnov, the Russian

MEMBERS of the National

Trust are calling for the ban-ning of nudists from Britain's

biggest and best-known nud-ist beach, claiming that inde-

cent behaviour has increased and that children are at risk.

Studland Bay, in Dorset.

where local legend has it that

naked bathing was begun by Virginia Woolf and other

members of the Bloomsbury

group, is often described as the

loveliest on the south coast,

with four miles of fine sand, of

which nudists have tradition-

ally used about half a mile. In

the height of summer, up to

7,000 naked bodies take the

air on the beach, which is

A resolution before the

trust's annual meeting, to be

held next month in Birming-

ham, alleges that indecent and

threatening behaviour to-

wards women has become

commonplace, that children

are at risk and that local

people are avoiding the beach. The motion calls for the trust

to make clear that "naturists

This summer, there have

been several prosecutions for

indecency on and near the

beach, but the Central Council

for British Naturism vehe-

mently denies that bona fide

nudists are responsible. "The

suggestion is ludicrous," Su-

zanne Piper, its spokes-

are not welcome".

owned by the trust.

ments about whether Keats was better than Dylan and thinking afterwards: 'Who cares arryway?" ". Nude bathers face beach ban

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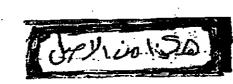
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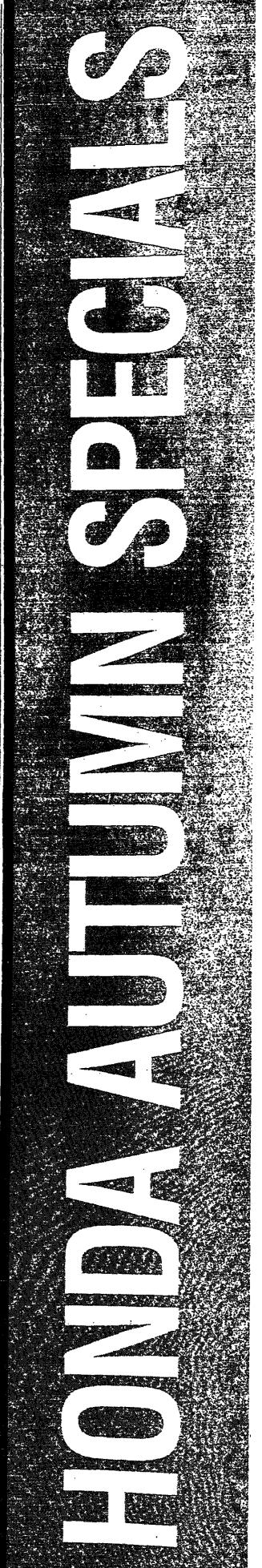






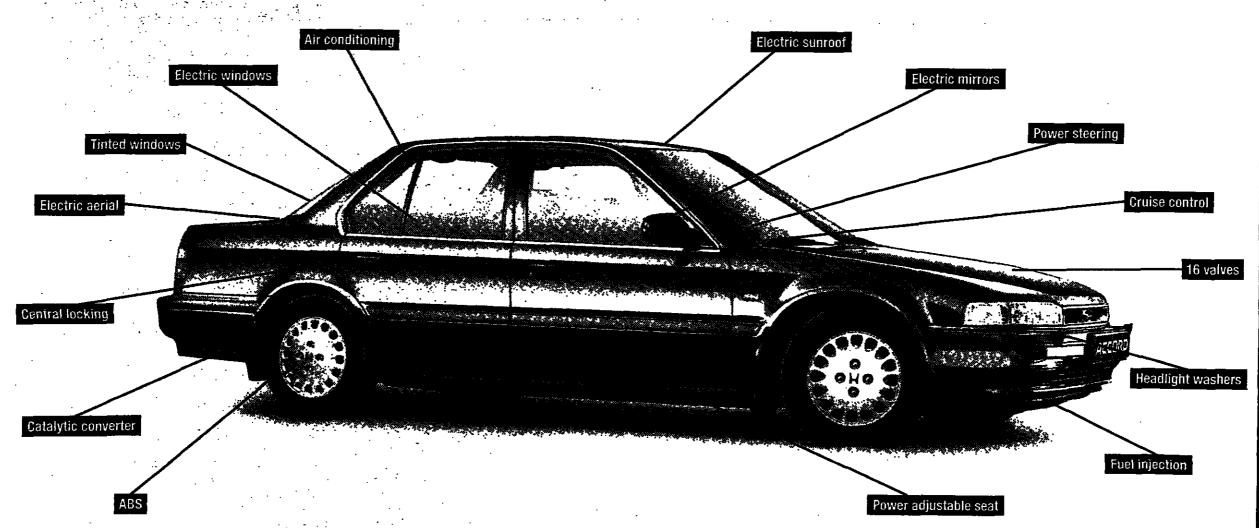








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Money tall but sometime it needs an interpreter.

The Economist

Road accident or air crash 'could cause nuclear blast'

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE safety of British nuclear weapons cannot be guaran-teed, a report published today

In spite of assurances by the defence ministry that the possibility of accidental detonation is extremely remote, the report says that Britain has falled to take full assessments. failed to take full account of an American enquiry that revealed the dangers.

All three British nuclear

weapons - the WE177 freefall bomb, the Chevaline warhead on the Polaris missiles, and the D5 missiles in the new Trident submarines — could produce accidental detonations or the dispersal of plutonium as a result of fire or shock, the British American Security Information Council risks. He called for a reclesign (Basic) claims.

"Such accidents could occur, for example, during a road accident with a petrochemical truck, a submarine fire, a submarine loading accident or an aircraft crash," Basic says in a new report on nuclear weapons safety. A safety re-

Acid rain harms water life

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY

FISH, waterbirds and animals in nearly a quarter of Britain's wikilife areas have probably declined because of acid rain, the government's wildlife and countryside advisers say today.

Species affected range from salmon and trout to the dipper, the otter and the natterjack toad. A report examines the effects of acid rain on lakes, ponds and streams in sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs).

It forecasts that damage to many of the areas will worsen even with the 60 per cent cut in the principal cause of acid rain, sulphur dioxide emissions from coalburning power stations, which European Community law decrees must be made by 2003. The

report wants more cuts. The report from English Nature, the Countryside Council for Wales and Scottish Natural Heritage says that freshwater species on 141 SSSIs, covering more than a million acres -24 per cent of the total have probably suffered considerably.

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view by Professor Sir Ron Oxburgh, chief scientific ad-viser to the ministry, which was published in July, had left serious questions unanswered,

the report says. In particular, Basic says, Sir Ron did not examine the effect that fire would have on weapons involved in a road accident. Nor did he consider design flaws in the D5 missile that have caused concern in the US: the lack of safety features in the warhead, and its proximity to explosive fuel in the missile itself.

Concern about nuclear weapons safety first arose after the US Congress commissioned Professor Sidney Drell a physicist to examine the of the Trident missile, warning that an explosion in the fuel tank could set off sensitive conventional explosives in the warhead, whose function is to trigger the nuclear explosion. Such an accident, Professor Drell said, could lead to an explosion producing "a pluto-nium dispersal, or possibly a nuclear yield".

The conventional explosives in a nuclear warhead sur-round the plutonium, and are designed to compress it and initiate the nuclear explosion when the weapon is detonated. A key issue identified by Professor Drell was whether an explosion at any single point in this conventional explosive could set off the weapon - the so-called "onepoint safety" criterion. Sir Ron conceded in his report that he could not offer a definitive view as to whether British Trident warheads would meet this criterion.

The oldest nuclear weapon in Britain's armoury, the WE177 free-fall bomb, in service with the RAF, was said in the Oxburgh report to be of "elderly but robust design". Weapons of similar age in the US have undergone an improvement programme to increase safety, but no such programme appears to have been implemented in Britain. An unnamed US expert quoted by Basic says that the British failure to take similar

action was "criminal and irresponsible". Sir Ron did recommend a design review of the WE177 "as a prudent precaution". Basic says that the same should be done for the Polaris warheads, which are subject to

the same uncertainties. Basic's director, Dan Plesch, said yesterday that a claim made by Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, that British nuclear weapons were safe was "completely unjusti-

Mr Plesch said: "The Oxburgh report simply avoids the question of the safety of the Trident missles. He doesn't discuss this in the whole of his

Priest training cuts threaten colleges

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE future of three theologi- tion training should cease at cal colleges is in doubt after a Church of England report published today recommended that ordination training at

them should cease. The cuts are an attempt to stem losses of nearly £1 million and follow a drop in the numbers accepted to train for the priesthood, on two- or three year courses, from 350 in 1982 to 274 last year. The total number in training is

about 760, compared to a capacity of 1,240.
Of 14 colleges, Mirfield College of the Resurrection in West Yorkshire, Salisbury and Wells theological college in Salisbury and Oak Hill theological college in Southgate, north London, are singled out for criticism.

The report, by two working parties chaired by the Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Rev Robert Hardy, recommends ordina-



Bishop Hardy: "Whistle has to be blown"

these three colleges. Mirfield college, one of the church's best know Anglo-Catholic in-stitutions, is criticised for refus-

ing to train women.

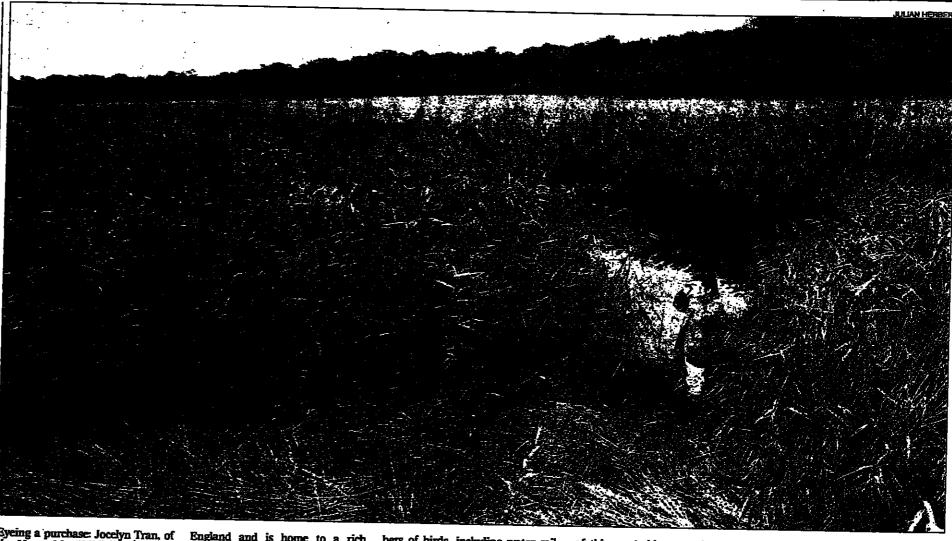
Oak Hill college trains women inadequately, according to the report. Salisbury and Wells is financially insecure and fails to attract threeyear degree candidates.

Bishop Hardy, who once failed to get a job as principal of Cuddesdon in Oxford when he said in his interview he wanted to close it down and move it to Manchester, called for more clergy to be trained in urban centres such as Man-

The report says the church's theological colleges lost £900,000 over three years and further losses are expected this year. Bishop Hardy said: There is a time when someone has to blow a whistle and say, 'enough'. We are not talking about closure. We are talking about withdrawal of recognition for ordination

training." The report, A Way Ahead, will be debated by the general synod in November and sent to colleges for consultation. The House of Bishops will decide in January whether to endorse its recommendations.

The report is expected to have a stormy passage through the synod. Fourteen bishops, a quarter of the House of Bishops, voted against publication when they met earlier this week.



the Hampshire Wildlife Trust, surveying the Lymington reedbeds, which the trust aims to buy and manage if it can raise £80,000 (John

England and is home to a rich variety of wildlife. Richard Tyler, assistant director of the trust, said yesterday that its most important inhabitant was probably the otter.

bers of birds, including water rail, reed and sedge warbiers, the rare Cetti's warbler and various migratory species such as swallows, house-

of this area's history and culture," Jacqueline Guinness, organiser of the £80,000 appeal, said yesterday. "We are very excited about the prospects of looking after this site

river into the Solent. In 1345 the town sent nine ships and 159 men with Edward III's fleet to support the invasion of France. In about 1730 a toll bridge was built over the river, which continued to collect tolls until 1967. The formation of the reedbeds was largely due to the silting up of the river above the

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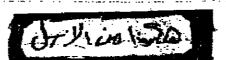
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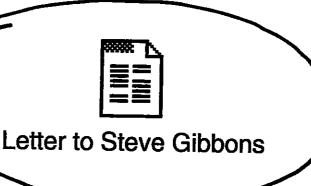
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Residents fear culture clash with orthodox Hassidim wearied with living in London

2,000 Jews plan exodus from city to village

By MICHAEL FREEDLAND

PARISH councillors in a quiet corner of Hertfordshire are this week seeking assurances that their village is not to become the scene of a clash of

The burghers of Shenley. where flower-arranging and Women's institute membership are all but compulsory, want to know how the arrival of several thousand Hassidic Jews tired of life in north London will affect their community. Last Tuesday the par-ish council voted to defer judgment until they had met members of the ultra-orthodox

group and their architects. members of Stamford Hill's Hassidic community should buy about 300 proposed housing plots in the grounds of a redundant mental hospital on the outskirts of the village. Should full planning permission be granted. Shenley can expect around 2,000 new

Peter Banton, chairman of the parish, promised a wel-come, but added: "We hope the community will integrate with the rest of the village. We would like them to join us in the local activities, the women in the WI doing flower-arranging, the men taking their

part in sports and the community having their representatives on the parish council."

Should Stamford Hill come to Shenley, the first rabbi to sit on a British parish council with its roots in the Church of England - will be Abraham Pinter, who until recently was a Labour member of Hackney borough council, east London, and is eager to breathe country

Rabbi Pinter said: "I have lived in Stamford Hill all my life, but it is no longer as pleasant as it used to be. We would hope that we could play our part in the local commu-

However, there is some disquiet in Shenley. Father John Wiley, parish priest of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Black Lion Hill, said: "I think we'd like to know a little more about it.

"There is a very strong sense of community life here and people do have misgivings about a self-contained group moving into the area. It would change the character of Shenley completely."

Peg McKay, chair of the village school governors, exconcern that the Hassidic Jews would not integrate. "They won't give any-



Tired of the city: Hassidic Jews in north London. Can their self-contained community move from the capital and blend into village life?

thing to the village and they won't take anything from it."

At the Black Lion public house, the licensee Steve White also had reservations, but his concern was purely commercial. "I can't see any of them coming to my pub -

and that's all I care about," he said. "Race doesn't come into it. All I want to do is increase my business and these people won't help me to Tina Braynis, secretary of

the Shenley Village Society, was more positive, "I think people here will be very pleased to know that, since these Hassidim are very ortho-dox, they will not be driving on their Sabbath and Jewish Nor will the newcomers

spoil the skyline with satellite dishes and aerials. The community does not encourage watching television. Rabbi Pinter explained why his community had grown tired of north London and sought greener pastures. "Stamford Hill seems to have lost its community spirit. But when there was trouble between local Asians and Cypriots, I was the one brought in to act

bring our idea of good com-munity to Shenley. In Stamford Hill, we are the ones with the best-kept gardens."

Outline planning permission has been given for 900 new homes in the village, although the only detailed consent has been for the first phase of the development - 69 houses. If the community does get established, it would be the first rural settlement of its kind in Britain. Until now ultra-orthodox Jewish groups have kept to the inner cities

Stan Lord, the groundsman who laid out the land for Shenley Hospital more than 50 years ago, said: "People did not like the idea of the mental hospital coming here, but they soon came to accept it. It will be the same with these people. We have to live and let live, don't we? If they promise to be part of the community. they might even improve this



Children at the Hassidic school in Stamford Hill

NEWS IN BRIEF Gulf truck blast killed bomb man

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A British bomb expert was killed when a truckload of explosives went off as he helped to clear Gulf war debris in the Kuwaiti desert, an inquest was told yesterday.

Peter Snell, 42, a former army explosives engineer, from Didcot, Oxfordshire, and four Indian civilian Royal Ordnance workers died when the mortars, shells and rockerpropelled grenades blew up 30 miles south of Kuwait City on June 15, the Oxford inquest, was told.

Dr Arthur Chaplain, a Royal Ordnance expert who inves-tigated the tragedy, said that Mr Snell, in charge of the group, would have stacked the shells carefully. "One can only assume that one of the pieces of ammunition slipped out of somebody's hand or knocked against something during the loading and this caused it to set off an explosion," he said. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Earl's damages

The Earl of Cardigan accepted undisclosed libel damages from the Today newspaper over an article suggesting that he "insensitively" set up a war games business on his land near Hungerford, scene of a mass shooting in 1987.

Ferry fraud

Geoffrey Benstead, 53, of Glastonbury, Somerset, was convicted of fraudulent trading, perjury and theft by Winchester Crown Court after accepting £100.000 in bookings for a ferry service that had no ship, no crew and no port.

Nikki charge

George Heron, 23, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, was remanded in custody by Sunderland magistrates, accused of murdering Nikki Alien, seven.

Rough justice

Police have cautioned three men who wore wetsuits and flippers to dredge a pond at Mere Golf and Country Club.

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Judge protests as he is forced to set free child molester

By a Staff Reporter

A MAN who molested his teenage daughter has been allowed to go free by a court because the local authority said that it could not afford the treatment he needed.

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Mr Justice Ward told the High Court in London on Tuesday night that he was left with no alternative but to let the man go. He added: "I protest most strongly that my order is likely to have the most serious consequences."

The judge was faced with the dilemma after Notting-ham County Council decided that it could not afford the £15,000 a year to treat the man at a special clinic. He will be "sent out into society" under an order banning him from his home and from having contact with his children unless under council supervision.

The judge found that the middle-aged man, who cannot be named, had persistently abused one of his daughters over several years, having sex with her and committing buggery. There had been allegations he had also abused another daughter. A report said that he targeted girls who were readily accessible and whom he could control. He would then "groom" the child

by instilling fear. Having gained control, he would then have intercourse with the children, the judge said. It was feared that he had also abused other children, who had been having problems with their parents, after posing as an "understanding father figure".

Specialists who treated him

said that the child abuse was linked to anger. He had been described as an "anger rapist" and was said to need extended

The man sat in court with his wife as the judge said: "All my efforts to balance the risk of harm against the benefits of healing therapy are now rendered totally useless by virtue both, of the local authority to

Their solution is to order the father from the matrimo-nial home and leave the care of the children in the hands of the mother, who is weak, who has no capacity to protect the children, who is probably still totally under the control of her husband and who, standing by herself, gives me grave cause for anxiety." The judge said that he therefore had to proceed on the basis that the help the family needed and wanted was denied by the

local authority decision. As he made the order, Mr Justice Ward said: "I make it loudly protesting that I regard it as most unfortunate that this court should be required in open court to complain that a lack of resources apparently prevents a local authority from protecting the children in its area who are in need. It is not part of the court's function to engage in political questions. and questions of resources and funding are political. I protest at having been drawn unwill-

ingly into that arena.

I protest most strongly that my order is likely to have serious consequences. This father will be angry at my order. He will be angry because he is ready to cooperate with the court and his readiness has been rejected by the court when, in fact. I wished him to be given every opportunity for co-operation. I am frustrated I cannot offer it.

"The effect of the order is that I am required by the local authority to send out into the community a man who they accept, and I accept, poses a serious risk to young children. That he should be allowed in the community without this treatment being made available to him seems to me to be unterly incomprehensible. It

"It is no solace to me to sit here like Pontius Pilate, to wash my bands and go home. And so I make these orders of the refusal or mability, or . and hope and pray that this father, whom I was prepared provide the course of treat to trust will carry away from ment which they recognise to the court my regret at the be necessary. High-tech machine gives bus conductors ticket to electronic age



Fast track: London buses today launches the Clipper, above left, a lightweight portable electronic tick-et machine specially dsigned for the capital's bus conductors. The company says the machine incorporates

case of assault. Trials will start at Tottenham bus garage soon and, once completed, the machine will be introduced on all London Buses' 550 Routemasters, which run on 23 routes, mostly in central London. If

successful the electronic machine will succeed the ticket board and bell-punch, being used by the con-ductor above, in 1947, and the Gibson machine, the portable cash register-cum-ticket printer which has been used on London's red

buses for the past 40 years. When the bell punch system was intro-duced in 1891, apparently as much for selling advertising space on the ticket backs as for keeping a more accurate tally of conductors'

a week, despite having been given a wage increase in anticipation of the change. The Clipper, it is claimed. will make life easier for the conductors, and is expected to provide more accurate data about passen-



Shop share scheme keeps village alive

A nationwide survey has found services in rural areas are declining. But some communities are finding ways to preserve village life

By KATE ALDERSON

VILLAGERS at Halstock, northwest Dorset, saved their shop from closure when they bought shares in it, and so preserved a much-needed service and meeting point for

Dorset was listed as a region with one of the lowest levels of rural services in England in the Rural Development Commission's survey on the declin-ing provision of rural services.

published yesterday. Eighteen months ago the shop was under threat and an emergency meeting was called by Derek Smith, a retired farmer, and a rescue plan was

Sixty of the village's 350 residents agreed to put up £15,000 of capital by buying 300 debenture certificates worth £50 each in a newlyformed company. Halstock Village Shop Ltd.

The shop has been open a year and also operates as a post office. Brenda Erscott, the shop's manager, said: "It's going very well; it was an excellent idea."

"A lot of old people don't want to, or can't, travel out of the village and they can get their pensions here. It serves as a focal point in the village. People come in and chat and meet - they really rely on the

As a result of this success. Mr Smith, and six other members, have established the Village Retail Services Associ-ation. which will be fully operational next January, to provide advice and help to villagers who wish to save their services.

It will act as a pressure group, urging the government to reconsider the impact of the uniform business rate on vil-

Surrey, have been declining for many years, and the situation is likely to worsen. The village nestles in the commuter belt close to the

lage shops.
Services at Blindley Heath.

A22 and the M25 and no longer has a post office, village shop or newsagent. Next year it will lose the school, which has 33 pupils aged five to

The bus service is virtually non-existent and life without a car is regarded by residents as impossible.
The nearest doctor is four

miles away, and the nearest hospital casualty department is a 30-minute drive. One resident said: "The

services are terrible, which is hard to believe because we are considered to be in a suburban

St Agnes, a coastal village in Cornwall, is proud of its services which include ten chapels, 19 food shops and a goat society.

Cornwall County Council says that its relatively high provision of service could be

due partly to the summer influx of visitors. However, this appears to have only disproportionately increased the number of food and drink

The village is well-endowed with shops, has six post offices, five petrol stations, 13 telephone boxes and 13 pubs.

Residents say that the bus service could be better, as there is no longer a railway service to and from the village. Chris O' Brien, landlord of

the Railway Inn, said: "We are a self-sufficient community; we've got all the shops we need, a great doctor with a brand brand surgery. We have great walks, great

views and I've got a pair of Tommy Cooper's shoes hang-

ing in my pub. What more could a village ask for?" The village has eight homes for the elderly, one home for people with mental or physical difficulties and a pharmacy. Rubbish is collected once a week, the bank is open parttime and milk and newspapers are delivered



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Cabinet warned of rough ride on cuts

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The briefing note admits that

this would involve legislation.

to review uprating measures, and warns of the political

social security spokesman, said that any legislation to

repeal uprating pledges would

be given a rough ride and amount to social vandalism.

"A decision to single out those

on benefit would be

The committee has drawn

up a "narrow set of options"

which are said to include a

virtual public sector pay freeze,

with a ceiling set between 0 and 2 per cent. However, the

committee's decisions are in

line with Mr Major's aim to

encourage growth while containing inflation, and it is

expected that several capital projects threatened in earlier

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MINISTERS were accused of "social vandalism" last night, after evidence emerged that the government is considering a freeze, or lower-than-inflation rise, in some benefits to contain public spending.

A further document from the social security department. leaked to the Labour party on the eve of the first full cabinet meeting on public spending, shows that Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, has discussed freezing benefits with Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury. as part of the public spending negotiations. The paper, prepared by social security officials, admits to the "presen-tational difficulties" of hitting

the sick and disabled. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, last night con-demned the move and called on Tory backbenchers to vote against any plans to cut benefits. "It is the poorest, weakest and frailest who have been targeted to pay the price for Black Wednesday and the government's economic mismanagement," he said.

Ministers are expected to discuss the freeze, or minimal rise in benefits, today as one of the options put forward by the EDX committee in its report to cabinet. Final decisions will be put off until next Thursday or later if the cabinet fails to

reach agreement. One senior cabinet minister said last night that he expected "a very tough meeting" today.

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Labour will fiercely resist any attempt by ministers to freeze benefits

Environment ministers are have more on their minds next still battling with the Treasury week than Maastricht." A speaking note prepared for a meeting on September over transitional funding for the council tax, although it is understood that the original bid of about £2 billion extra 30 between Mr Lilley and Mr Portillo confirms that minisbeen revised to nearer ters are considering taxing

£500 million as a result of the public sector pay freeze which will save money from the central grant. Funds for training are also under threat at a time when the employment department is arguing for extra funds for redundancy payments for miners and health service

onsequences.

Donald Dewar, Labour's workers. Youth training allowances may be frozen and funding for Training Enterprise Councils cut. While most spending ministers accept the need for a pay

freeze, the benefit freeze may

be more difficult to justify.

Although many benefits, including pensions, invalidity benefit and unemployment benefit, are statutorily linked with inflation, Treasury and social security sources last night refused to rule out emergency legislation within the next session to repeal these

In his Mansion House speech today. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will hint at the tough spending next ten days. He will spell out the government's economic strategy, with the new emphasis on growth while maintain-

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The economic curtain: Major and Delors dash East European hopes of quick admission to the EC-

Major disappoints East European leaders

JOHN Major yesterday left 60 million people with little hope of gaining access to West European markets, when the leaders of Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia met him to discuss entry to the European Community.

Two of the former Warsaw Pact members said that joining a lengthy queue for membership could undermine their

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has been particularly shocked by the victory of former communists at elections in Lithuania and Romania.

"Economic problems were the main reason for the result in Lithuania," said the Polish prime minister, Hanna Such-Britain — which holds the EC presidency — for talks with Mr Major and Jacques Delors.

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the new democracies "need tance, not only political but with economic problems". feels vulnerable to unrest in the former Soviet Union, espe-

president. It was a sign that

cially in the Ukraine, on its eastern flank. Jerzy Osiatynski, the Polish finance minister, said on Tuesday night "Western countries do not seem wholly to realise that any trouble on our eastern borders will not stop in Poland." Jozsef Antall, the Hungaran leader, said yesterday: "In place of an iron curtain, an

economic or social curtain might come down; the question is where and when. When empires collapse, local tensions are let loose." Ms Suchocka said: "Ten ears is a realistic time to look

it becoming a full member of he EC." Some Polish officials believe even this timetable is optimistic because France is ikely to protest at any concrete its agriculture-oriented econo-

Last night Mr Major cau

Community."
Ms Suchocka, Mr Antall, Antonin Bandys, Czechoslova-kia's federal deputy prime minister, and the Czech and Slovak prime ministers, Vaclav Klaus and Vladimir Mediar were expected to tell Mr Major and M Delors that early EC entry would help safeguard democracy in the

Mr Baudys admitted that it was difficult for his country to negotiate with the EC at a time. when it was in the process of splitting up. He gave the British presidency details of the planned smooth transition to two closely linked states.

moves to allow Poland - with

tioned that a precise timetable for EC membership was not yet possible. They must-first be economically prepared to be exposed to the full free market forces in effect in the

former Eastern bloc.

Sea Kings are faster and have a longer range. They will be deployed from

Election fear John Bruton, leader of Fine Gael, Ireland's main opposition party, accused Albert Reynolds, the prime minister, of trying to bring down his own government to escape from coalition. He believed Mr Reynolds

intends to call a general

Sate zone

Since the imposition of a no-fly zone over parts of southern Iraq, to protect the Shia communities, there has been a reduction Iraq government, Douglas Hogg, a foreign office

New peer



Nicholas Ridley (above), the former cabinet minis ter and leading Euro-scep tic, was introduced in the Lords as Lord Ridley of Liddesdale. His sponsors were Baroness Thatcher and Lord Hesketh, the government chief whip. Sir William Clark, the former MP for Croydon South, was introduced as

Lord Clark of Kempston. In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; orime minister. Debate on white paper New Opportunities for the Railways. Lords (3): Judicial pensions and retirement bill, conclusion of report stage.

'Filthy' abattoirs fail to meet EC hygiene standards

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

MOST British slaughter-houses fail to comply with domestic hygiene regulations, let alone the higher standards required for plants exporting meat to the rest of the Euro-

pean Community. John Gummer, the agriculture minister, told a Commons enquiry yesterday that standards would have to be raised even if that meant the closure of slaughterhouses in many

parts of the country.

Mr Gummer told MPs of the "filthy conditions" found by inspectors in some abattoirs. In one plant the aisles where animals awaiting slaughter are held, and stun reception area, where they are knocked out before their throats are cut, were "excessively contaminated with faeoes and soiled bedding and likely to permit excess carriage of dirty material into the slaughterhall".

In another, slaughtermen used a car cleaning brush contaminated with blood and fat to clean carcases and washed their knives in tubs of static water — "ideal breeding grounds for pathogenic bacte-ria" — instead of sterilising them. Missing window panes in the roof allowed birds, flies and vermin in. Walls, offal racks and carcase rails were encrusted with dirt and congealed blood. Effluent was discharged across the floor under dressed carcases, creating a risk of infection, and intestines for human consumption were "rum off on to the gut room floor". Mr Gummer rejected a

suggestion by Martyn Jones, Labour MP for Clwyd South West, that the government should help abattoir owners with the cost of upgrading their premises. He said that would be unfair to those who had already undertaken such expenditure. Nor was he pre-pared to seek any special exemption for small plants from EC standards. There are about 700 abat-

toirs in Britain, of which only 10 per cent are licensed to export meat to the rest of the EC. About 70 per cent of the others do not comply fully even with British hygiene regulations, according to the agriculture ministry. From next January, when the EC single market takes effect, all abat-toirs in Britain will have to meet the higher EC standards. Up to half the existing abattoirs are thought likely to

close over the next year because they will not be able to afford to upgrade. Mr Gum-mer told the agriculture select committee that he favoured "fewer and better" abattoirs but accepted that closures could mean farmers in remote areas would have to send their cattle greater distances to slaughter. Mobile slaughterhouses could be the answer.

Bottomley defends tobacco policy

By JILL SHERMAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY Department of Health, was

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the health secretary, last night resisted calls for a ban on tobacco advertising, despite the publication of a report from her department which suggested that such a ban could reduce smoking by more than 7 per cent.

Mrs Bottomley, who was grilled by the all-party Com-mons select committee on health, said Britain's voluntary code on tobacco advertising was stringent enough and the government would not change its mind unless there was evidence that a statutory ban would lead to a signifi cant reduction in smoking. The report, by Clive Smee,

released minutes before Mrs Bottomley gave evidence to the committee on Britain's opposition to an EC proposal for a tobacco advertising ban. Mrs Bottomley stood by the government's existing policy but said she was inviting

comments on the report, which "raised a good many questions" and would be taken into account in achieving the targets set in the government's Health of the Nation white paper. The paper calls for a 33 per cent reduction in smoking by the year 2000.

She told the committee that "a statutory han is a very grave step on a product that is

In a parbamentary answer Mrs Bottomley said: "As for advertising we will maintain and, where necessary. strengthen what is already one of the most advanced, comprehensive and effective systems of voluntary control in Europe."

Dr Smee's report said smoking reductions following a ban in New Zealand, Norway and Canada ranged from 3.5 per cent to 16 per cent. Ministers are new emphasising that the government's aim is to reduce smoking through pricing. They will push other EC health ministers at a meeting on November 13 to review their own

pricing strategy.

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Support for devolution gathers pace in ailing northern Italy



Mussolini: cheated of a

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN VERONA

bardy League devolutionist leader in north Italy, failed yesterday to carry out a threat to stage a new March on Rome. It was the 70th anniversary of the 1922 pursch by Mussolini that ushered in his Fascist regime after King Victor Emanuel III asked him to form a government.

Signor Bossi's aides are confident that they can gain through the ballot box what the dictator achieved with a show of force. Earlier this week Signor Bossi was quoted as saying: "If we were to march on Rome, occupying one after the other the prefectures of the north, the people would defend us." His remarks seemed to confirm the view of political experts, who believe he is appealing to the

same kind of disgruntled voter Italian Social Movement, even though he denies sharing philosophy. In the event, even the neo-

Fascists were cheated of planned celebrations of the march. Nello Polese, the mayor of Naples, at the last-minute revoked permission for Alessandra Mussolini, the Il Duce and niece of Sophia Loren, to hold a commemorative meeting in the city council building. Two neo-Fascist councillors occupied the mayor's office for several hours in

Signor Bossi, for his part, was embroiled in another scandal after the youth movement of his umbrella League

The antics of neo-Fascists and northern separatists sometimes resemble comic opera, but both groups are tapping the same wellsprings of discontent as II Duce

of the North in Trentino province put up posters invir-ing southern immigrants to go them of undermining "the idea that we are all Italians". In Verona the Lombardy home. Signor Bossi has al-ways denied fostering racist League and its sister Liga Veneta have stepped up a symbolic campaign against the Socialist-led government by issuing mock passports attitudes to the impoverished south. Amid growing outrage in all of Italy, he was obliged to denounce the posters as an unauthorised initiative that 'against corruption, Mafia, party patronage and bribery". They have also minted mock was "absolutely contrary to the Monopoly-style banknotes in Verona, and postage stamps League of the North". Political experts agree that the northern leagues are

in Emilia-Romagna. poised for more electoral vic-Some of the most fervent tories on their federalist platdevolutionists are in Verona. form. Giuliano Amato, the where the Liga Veneta has its prime minister, has accused headquarters. But Marilena

Marin, a former school teacher, a regional councillor since 1990 and now the Liga's secretary, denies that the printing of 100,000 passports of the "Federal Republic of the North", is tantamount to encouraging secession.

"The passport above all is symbolic of the desires of the people of the north to belong to Europe," she said, adding: "Old and young people alike are queuing up for these passports and coins — they are proud to join this movement." Signor Bossi is campaign-ing for weathervane local elections scheduled for December in Monza, Varese and Mira. The four-party coalition government tried to postpone the polls on a technicality, but parliament refused to accept delay after the league staged

demonstrations in Milan.

A Panorama magazine

that the popularity of the leagues is spreading. They would win first place in Bologna if elections were held there now, and would capture 28 per cent of votes in Venice. Luigi Rossi, a league MP for Bologna, dismisses interior

ministry reports that former pathisers and out-of-control secret service agents have infiltrated the leagues with a view league is an ultra-democratic political movement. We are against violence," he said. He added that the league was faithful to the relevant article of the Italian constitution, which precludes secession but, he believes, paves the way for federalism: "Italy is one, indivisible, and promotes local

ing the election campaign. Fascist voters, accusing the Italian Social Movement of depending overly on the with her breasts blowing in the wind"

in a colourful exchange, Signora Mussolini replied that "the league has nothing

underneath".

□ Rome: The parliamentary anti-Mafia commission said Andreotti, the former prime minister, is to be asked to testify before it on charges by a supergrass that Salvatore Lima, the Sicilian politician murdered last March, was an intermediary between himseli

Yeltsin bans private army to safeguard reform policy

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday ordered the dissolution of a 5,000-strong armed guard controlled by his conservative rival, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman. The unit is considered to be the private army of anti-reform figures in the White House.

The decision, which comes a day after his move to outlaw the right-wing National Salvation Front, is intended by the beleaguered Russian leader to show that he is determined to fight off hostile factions, and be seen to be regaining control of events before the Congress of People's Deputies decides the fate of his government in December. Mr Yeltsin's spokesman said that the guards were not under the control of either the president or the interior ministry and

were therefore illegal. Dubbed the "cardinal's guard", after the ill-disciplined. lieu in Alexandre Dumas's The Three Musketeers, the force has long attracted the suspicion of liberal deputies who view its powers and patrolling rights over key buildings in Moscow, including the state bank, as a potential threat in any pro-

spective right-wing coup.

Last week, one of the guards died in a shootout with Moscow police. Mr Yeltsin's patience appears to have snapped on Monday when the guard appeared at the headquarters of the Izvestia newspaper, the object of a tug of war between reformist politicians and journalists and parliamentary hardliners who claim they have ownership rights as heirs to the Soviet parliament whose propaganda organ it once was.

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The decision to ban the guard is a declaration of political war by Mr Yeltsin on his maverick parliamentary chairman. Mr Khasbulatov has shown an infinite capacity for causing trouble and his office runs like a parliament within parliament, making life as difficult for the Yeltsin

The outlawing of both the guard and the National Salvation Front, at least in the short term, deals with the noisy pressures on Mr Yeltsin from the extreme right. These are the forces of chaos familiar from Russian pre-revolutionary history with its rebellions and plots, and they are motivated solely by an appetite for

History and its terminology play a large part in today's politics. The National Salvation Front took its name from two organisations of rightwing officers, inspired by Gen-eral Lavr Kornilov who asumed dictatorial powers during 1917 in an attempt to stave off the collapse of the armed forces and the provisional government. It is clearly intended to appeal to disenchanted military men, whose pride is damaged by the colapse of the Soviet empire.

The title was resuscitated by hardline communists in the Baltics in the early 1980s and today's front is an unappealing rainbow coalition of agitators. Never can the extreme left and extreme right have linked arms with such sudden comradeliness as in post-communist Russia.

Mr Yeltsin can expect a fillip to his popularity at home from his decisiveness in the last two days. Less certain, however, is how he will proceed against the more complex, gradualist threat from the so-called centrists, underpinned by the vast military-industrial complex. The centrists, operating

under the umbrella title of Civic Union, are controlled by Arkadi Volsky, the head of the industrial union and Vice-President Aleksandr Rutskoi They represent the acceptable face of revisionism, arguing that the radical reform programme imported from the West will result in damaging the country's industrial base, military capacity and interna-tional status. The more Mr Yeltsin comes under pressure from the extreme right, the more feasible an option the acceptable right becomes.

Some Western diplomats are already preparing for Mr Yeltsin to enter into a pact with the centrists in order to save himself and stabilise the country. One European source said yesterday: "The military-in-dustrial complex remains the backbone of the country and there may soon be no option for the Yeltsin government but

to bring in its representatives."

Once in government, the centrists would push for huge government as possible. investment in industry, effectively scuppering the current policy of monetary control. They would push for a more assertive role for Russia internationally and increase arms sales. Reform of sorts could continue but its resemblance to the free market transformation would be remote.



Fate unknown: Anastasia, the last Tsar's daughter, has kept scholars guessing

Pretender's hair may resolve the enigma of Anastasia

FROM ALEX ANDERSON AND BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

BRITISH and Russian sciensamples of hair from the late Anna Anderson, which should establish for certain whether she really was Anastasia, daughter of Russia's last tsar.

The scientists, working at a Home Office laboratory in Aldermaston, have since mid-September been studying nine skeletons, presumed to be those of the Russian royal family and their servants, that were exhumed near Yekaterinburg in the Ural mountains 15 months ago.

The enquiry is being broadened to cover Anderson, a peared in Berlin in 1920 and died in America in 1984. Her inclusion was decided by Nigel McCrery, the British television producer who arranged for the bones to be rought to England.

The results, due spring, are awaited with fas-cination and anxiety by Europe's royal houses, by the quarrelsome but growing monarchist movement in Russia and by historians who have devoted entire careers to researching conflicting theories about the tsar's fate.

Pavel Ivanov, a Russian mo- ria Vladimirovna. If Anna Anderson



Anderson: claims prompted litigation

lecular biologist, will compare genetic material from both the exhumed bones and Anderson's locks with samples of hair provided by living members of the family.

If the bones prove genuine, that will vindicate the work of Geli Ryahov, a Soviet writer who secretly uncovered the mass grave in 1979 after studying the testimony of Yakov Yurovsky, a Bolshevik officer who described leading the massacre and burial of the family in July 1918.

The remains will then receive ceremonial reburial in the presence of the current

that will provide confirmaenquiry which challenges the Yurovsky account and holds that some or all of the imperial family's female members were being held captive in the city of Perm until at least September

This view was detailed by the British journalists, Anthony Summers and Tom Mangold, in their 1976 bestseller The File on the Tsar. which was based on previously secret evidence collected by White Russian investigator in 1919 and later suppressed by his own colleagues.

Anderson's claim prompted decades of litigation and aroused passionate emotions on both sides, with the Romanov family itself divided. Kiril Vladimirovich, who in 1924 proclaimed himself tsar in exile, opposed his purported relative, while his brother Andrei — one of the few Romanovs to meet the claimant - pronounced after spending two days with her: I must state in all conscience that this is none other than my niece Anastasia". Alex Anderson, a British his-

Paris Aids case official goes to jail

FROM CHARLES BREMNER in Paris

MICHEL Garretta, the senior health official convicted of allowing the distribution of HIV-infected blood, was jailed for four years yesterday as opposition politicians and victims groups demanded the trial of former ministers for their part in the scandal.

A convoy of police cars greeted Dr Garretta, the former head of the state transfusion service, as he arrived from the US. "I am being made to pay for collective cowardice." he said. "I made errors but I did not make them alone." The government at the time,

he insisted, shared in the

decision in 1985 to allow the distribution to up to 1,500 haemophiliaes of blood contaminated with the Aids virus until stocks ran out.
The opposition-dominated senate prepared yesterday to

decide whether to start impeachment proceedings against Laurent Fabius, the former prime minister, and two other ministers.

Photograph, page 24

CDU spells out need for austerity

> FROM PATRICK MOSER IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl's Christian Democratic Union ended a three-day congress vesterday with a message to Germans: the party is over and the time of reckoning has come. The tough austerity mess-

age was perfectly clear, even if many politicians, including some in the CDU, believe it should have been delivered two years ago, immediately after the celebrations on the night of German unification. In a motion adopted almost unanimously by the 1,000 delegates at the Düsseldorf

congress, the CDU said that Germans should pay more taxes and draw less social benefit. The government must limit its spending strictly and projects in western Germany will have to be abandoned in favour of more urgent work in eastern Germany, according

One of the few proposed measures voters are likely to welcome is a call for the streamlining of bureaucracy.

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Bosnia fighting preludes arrival of UK troops

FROM TERRY LEONARD IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MUSLIM-LED government troops and Serb rebels fought fierce battles in the northern town of Jajce, yesterday, as 80 British troops prepared to arrive in the Croatian port of

Split today.

The Britons will comprise a 30-strong advance guard from the Cheshire Regiment's 1st banalion, including their commander, Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, and 50 members of Brigade Headquarters. The men will arrive on two planes from RAF

Gütersloh in Germany. Malcolm Rifkind, the British defence secretary, told the troops they would be doing a crucial job to save lives. "It takes you into a war zone," he said at the British army base in Fallingbostel near Hanoabsolute minimum. We accept your absolute right to defend In Bosnia, Serb militias

continued their campaign to widen a northern corridor linking Serbia with Serb lands in Bosnia and Croatia. In a further attempt to mediate the Yugoslav crisis, Lord Owen of the European

Community and Cyrus Vance, the United Nations special envoy, arrived in Belgrade yesterday, capital of the rump Yugoslavia, for talks with leaders. Shortly after they arrived, a UN relief convoy carrying 207 tons of food departed for Sarajevo after a day's delay due to security concerns along the route

In Geneva, the key mediation venue of the Yugoslav ver. "We are conscious of the crisis, officials proposed dividrisk, but the risk is kept to an ing Bosnia into seven to ten



leaving it as a single, independent state. A draft constitution rejects demands by Bosnian Serbs and Croats for a formal ethnic division of the country. and refuses to condone "ethnic deansing".

Seemingly offering a com-promise, the draft says provin-cial borders should reflect ethnic factors but also geography and traditional economic links inside Bosnia. Each area would have a "considerable

forces and ethnic Croatian militias, meanwhile, were withdrawing unconditionally from Prozor, about 30 miles west of Sarajevo, as agreed on Tuesday, Bosnian radio

a UN resolution grounding Serb aircraft in Bosnia. (AP)

majority" of one ethnic group but with "significant" minorities. Muslim-led government

Both Serbs and Muslims reported heavy fighting around Jaice, 60 miles northwest of Sarajevo, but gave differing accounts. The Serb militias claimed to have "liberated" Jajce on Tuesday, but the Bosnian army denied the report and said its forces had actually moved their lines forward about 200 yards toward Gola Planina. It claimed the Serbs were bringing fresh reinforcements by helicopter from Banja Luka to the north, which would be in violation of







The man who would be king: three stages in the life of Bill Clinton, the Democrat who hopes next week to wrest the White House from President Bush — as a toddler in 1947, as a young man, and with his wife, Hillary, in 1979

Bush trumpets boost in the economy but fails to rattle Clinton

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush and Governor Clinton duelled yesterday in separate television appearances and out on the campaign trail over the state of the economy as Ross Perot completed plans for the costliest television advertising blitz in US political history. find out As the candidates embarked

Jazz-loving Mom

boosts candidate

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

on the final five days of the campaign, and tried to sharpopinion polls carried mixed signals for all three. One survey for USA Today sug-Bush and his Democrat rival is tightening and gave Mr Clinton just a 6 per cent lead over the president. But a poll for The Los Angeles Times ed a forceful attack on what

M other may be a boy's best friend, but for

Bill Clinton, the Democratic

presidential candidate, she

s turning out also to be one

of his best campaign assets. Ever since The Washington

Post revealed that State

Department officials had

searched through not only

the passport files of Mr

Clinton but those of Virginia

Kelley, 69, his mother, she

has become a central figure

Monday, the Arkansas gov-

ernor painted a graphic

picture of rapacious govern-

ment agents cruelly violat-

ing her right to privacy.

"After the government of-fices have closed down." he

said, "these three political

appointees, fairly senior officials in their expensive

suits. sneak into this little

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each other for four hours

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The crowd boos happily, for there is nothing that an

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In a speech in Florida on

in campaign rhetoric.

Can money buy the American presidency? Ross Perot is spending \$5 million a day to

ahead by 10 per cent and that Mr Perot, trailing in third

ing that America's gross domestic product has increased by 2.7 per cent since July, an emboldened Mr Bush launch-

bang around with each oth-

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tating, despite Mrs Kelley

being four times married

and an habituée, clanking

ear-rings and all. of jazz night clubs and the races.

Purveyors of that essential form of American

political dialogue, the bump-

er-sticker, have come up

with an intriguing variation on Barry Goldwater's 1964

siogan: "In your heart you know I'm right". In a refer-

ence to the faintly dubious

mental state of Ross Perot,

the independent candidate.

Washington is currently awash with bumpers read-

ing: "In your heart you know

That conclusion is partial-

ly refuted by an item in yesterday's New York Daily

News under the headline

Perot passes the shrink

test". In the article psychia-

trists gave their diagnoses of the Texan billionaire in the

wake of his latest accusa-

tions of Republican dirty

"Ross Perot is not muts,

but he does act like a big

baby sometimes and he's

prone to your basic rich

guy's weird conspiracy theo-ries," the News said.

tricks against him.

has been Governor Clinton's strongest campaigning ground, the economy. He dismissed the Democrat's charge that Republican stewardship of the economy has led the US into disaster. *Our economy is doing

better than the world econotelevision. Mr Bush virtually declared that the recession in the US is over and he said the spurt in the growth "pulls the rug out from under Mr Clinton, who's telling everybody

Mr Clinton later responded: "You can't evaluate anyone on one three-month blip. The big issue is to look at the trends of the last 10 years."

Mr Perot, still buffeted by press criticism over his unsubstantiated allegations that the Republicans planned to mount a smear campaign against him, continued to cause his rivals concern yesterday with his plans to outspend them in the run-up to polling day. The Dallas billionaire has bought seven halfhour network slots and has produced nine 30-second and 60-second commercials to carry his populist message. He may spend \$5 million a day until polling day in his effort to overcome the wound he inflicted on himself with his bizarre allegations of Republican

In all, Mr Perot has spent more than \$37 million in the last 26 days, nearly all on television. It is estimated that he will by the end of the election have forked out \$45 million at least on commercials, nearly \$10 million more than the Bush or Clinton campaigns. The last serious independent challenger for the presidency. John Ander-son, spent just \$1.5 million on advertising in 1980.

Clinton aides are clearly delighted at the damage Mr Perot wrought on himself by his outburst. The signs are that the late surge in the election Mr Perot was enjoying at Mr Clinton's expense has now come to a halt and Democrat strategists argue that polls will start showing the billionaire dropping back.

Both Bush and Clinton camps seem to have settled on their own endgame advertising strategy. Both sides have opted for a mixture of negative and positive commercials. Some Republican advertisements highlight the presi-dent's achievements and abilities and others impugn Mr Clinton's character and criticise his record as the

governor of Arkansas.

Brussels: The European Commission admitted yesterday there was no immediate prospect of a meeting between Ray MacSharry, the farm commissioner and Ed Madi-gan, the US agriculture secre-tary (Tom Walker writes) The commission had pre-

dicted the previous day that a breakthrough in the transatlantic dispute over agricultural subsidies was still possible before the American presidential elections next Tuesday.

US ELECTION: THE BATTLEGROUND STATES

Ohio becomes the front line in a last-ditch offensive

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN DAYTON, OHIO

assault on the Arkansas gover-

nor. "There's a pattern of

deception ... you can't lead by misleading. You can't turn the

White House into a waffle

It was a fiery speech and

it. With the other key Mid-

western states of Illinois and

Michigan leaning firmly to-wards the Democrats, Mr

Bush has to take Ohio with its

The president trails by

about nine points, but that gap has narrowed significantly

thanks to Ross Perot's late

surge and he still has a fighting chance. He and Vice-

President Dan Quayle have

visited Ohio more than any

other state. Mr Bush is devot-

ing two days of the campaign's

final week to it. The state that

produced Thomas Edison and

the Wright brothers is more a

war-zone than a battleground,

split down the middle by the rival armies.

Mr Clinton's stronghold is the heavily-unionised north and east, where 40 per cent of

Ohioans live in Appalachian

coal-mining communities on the West Virginia border, in

the steelmill towns of Youngs-town and warren, and in the

21 electoral college votes.

THESE ARE the dying days of a campaign that the pollsters say is doomed, but George Bush has not surren-dered yet. At 68, his life has become a frantic blur of airports, motorcades and rallies of the faithful. He has suffered the biggest plunge in popular-ity of any US president and his press is singularly awful. But still he sounds like a man hungry for victory and con-

vinced he will get it.
"We're fired up," he told the thousands crammed into an outdoor concert arena here on Tuesday evening. "We're bubbling."
These rallies are staged to

generate nightly television pic-tures of wildly enthusiastic crowds. Clinton supporters are ejected. The throngs are whipped up by bands and cheerleaders and warm-up speakers promising the most spectacular upset in election history.

In Dayton, he flaunted new figures showing better-than-expected economic growth. Bill Clinton, Al Gore "and the media talk show people would not know good news if it hit them in the face", he declared, spitting out his words and pounding the podium with his fist. His tax-and-spend oppo-nents talked of "change, change, change, change, but that's all you'll have left when they are through", he thundered. Mr Gore was the "ozone man" whose demand for more fuel-efficent cars

once-great industrial cities of Akron, Toledo and Cleveland. would put 20,000 Ohio car workers out of work. Mr Bush skipped rapidly In Akron last weekend, he attracted 20,000 to a rally in a over his own agenda, the quicker to reach his final

giant hangar. The Republican bastions are the picture-postcard towns of the agrarian south and centre, the relatively prosperous white-collar cities of Columbus and Cincinnati, and the northwest corridor that includes the high-tech Honda headquarters in Marysville.

Turn-out is the key to victory, and Mr Bush is doing his

needed to be. The single most pertinent fact about Ohio is that no Republican has even won the White House without utmost to galvanise his sup-porters. He started his first Trumanesque train tour here last month, stopping at umpteen little towns as he travelled up that northwest corridor. He successfully leant on the emir of Kuwait to order American tanks made in Michigan and Ohio, not British ones, During one visit to Columbus he spotted some Clinton supporters waving signs but, unusually, not shouting abuse. He scribbled them a note: "To the Clinton-Gore folks: You guys did it right for your team, but polite and in the best tradition of US politics. Don't work too hard against mel Thanks, George Bush.

Every vote counts in Ohio, as Gerald Ford learned to his cost in 1976 when he lost the state to Jimmy Carter by 11,000 votes. Had he won just one more vote in each Ohio precinct, plus a single other state, he would have been back in the White House.

Landslide looms as rock-solid right turns to the left

With five days to go to the US election, Robert Worcester concludes that Bill Clinton will inherit the White House unless the electorate stands on its head

TODAY is wobbly Thursday in the United States presiden-

With only five days to go in what is the world's longest running political campaign dwarfs" in the Democratic rimaries from New Hampseen President Bush's popularity tumble as the public's attention shifted from his handling of foreign policy to domestic issues in a time of economic uncertainty and

widespread deprivation. We have also seen the remarkable spectacle of the entry, departure and re-entry of the maverick Ross Perot as an independent candidate without party, without policy (some would say) but with plenty of money to spend in a country where money can buy anything. He is reported to be spending over £8 million in the final week on advertising his candidature.

The immediate impact of the third and final presiden-tial debate was minimal, with the three panel studies show-ing Mr Clinton holding steady and Mr Perot up a bit at the expense of Mr Bush. In the few days that followed. there have been another 14 national polls, tracking surveys, rolling polls and snapshots indicating that Mr Perot is continuing to gain on Mr Clinton and that the president has bettermed out president has bottomed out and is on the climb.

Of the latest polls reported, with fieldwork ending on Monday, Mr Perot is still holding at 20 per cent or above, despite pundits' com-ments that his "Bush investi-gated my daughter" allega-tion backfired. Perhaps what is holding his share up is that when Gallup asked for CNN-

per cent and the president's

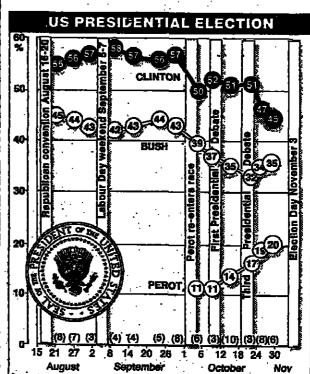
states in his camp to assure him of the White House.

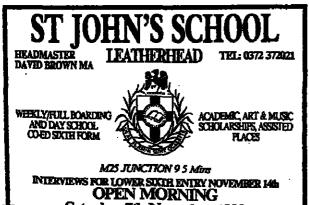
Of course, it is not the popular vote that elects a president any more than a British prime minister, for the American system elects its presidents state by state, as we elect our parliaments con-

stituency by constituency.
The electoral college votes in each state are governed by the popular vote in that state. so that if say Texas should vote as the latest poll there indicates (Mr Chinton 44 per cent, Mr Bush, 37 per cent and Mr Perot 20 per cent), then all 32 Texas electoral college votes will go to Mr Clinton. It takes 270 electoral votes to win; on Monday, Mr Clinton had solid leads in 32 states with 387 votes and that did not include Texas. Mr Bush leads in only five states

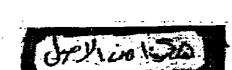
with 26 votes. Other states leaning to Mr Clinton at the moment include normally rock-solid Republican states such as Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota. When these conservative strongholds are leaning towards the Democratic contender, a landslide is in the making.

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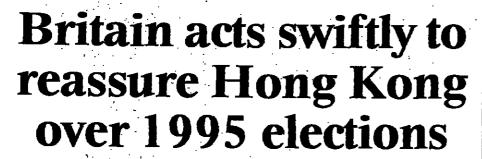
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From Catherine Sampson in peking and James Pringle in hong kong

BRITAIN and China simultaneously released transcripts yesterday of secret corres-pondence concerning Hong Kong which is said by Peking to prove that proposals by the governor, thris Patten, for the 1995 elections break a promise by Britain to limit democwith Peking

racy in the territory. Britain made the first move to release the letters after a challenge from Peking and, a British official said, "to set the ecord straight".

Publication of the letters, which appear to support British claims that there was no secret deal, has not ended the differences between Peking and Mr Patten. Both sides are now claiming vindication.

The letters, dated early 1990, show Britain struggling to set up a limited democracy in Hong Kong in the face of determined opposition from an inflexible Peking. They record protracted haggling by Douglas Hurd and Chinese negotiators.

London and by the British embassy in Peking said: These documents show that there was no agreement or there was no agreement or understanding between the UK and China in the electoral arrangements for 1995 in Hong Kong. We made clear repeatedly our dissatisfaction at the Chinese proposals for the number of directly elected seats in the Legislative Council: and that we intended to continue to press for a faster. continue to press for a faster. rate of increase in the number

The Foreign Office said it informed Peking on Tuesday of its intention to publish the exchanges. It said they made clear that no agreement was reached on the arrangement for the 1995 elections; and China's subsequent soundings in Hong Kong showed that the Chinese side had not reached any firm view, nor did it consider itself bound by any

earlier agreement. The unprecedented swift release of all the letters dealing with the disputed elections is

NEWS IN BRIEF

Egypt gets

tough with

militants

Cairo: Egypt has launched a tough counter-offensive against Islamic militants with

trials for those plotting to attack tourists, and the imple-

mentation of armed patrols in Upper Egypt where a British

tourist was shot dead last week

extremists from two Islamic groups will appear before a military court today on charges ranging from plotting the sabotage of rourist sites to

the incitement of sectarian

strife between Muslims and

the coptic Christian minority.

Tokyo: A struggle for control

of the largest faction within Ja-

pan's ruling Liberal Demo-

cratic Party intensified when a

rebel group broke away in pro-

test against the establishment

of Keizo Obuchi as faction

leader. (Reuter)

Faction splits

(Christopher Walker writes). In Alexandria, 31 Muslim

Letters show there were no secret deals, but Chris Patten remains eyeball to eyeball

clearly intended to reassure Hong Kong that Mr Patten acted in good faith in trying to extend democracy in the territory. China's official news agency also published the eight documents and claimed they had been proved right. "Chris Patten made unilateral major changes in the current political system that run counter to the understanding reached by the Chinese and

British sides through diplomatic consulations," it said.

By last night, however, Peking had failed to identify the portion of the correspondence which it claims constitutes a deal with China. The move comes at the lowest ebb in negotiatons on Hong Kong since the signing of the Joint Declaration in 1984, in which Britain agreed to hand the territory to China in 1997.

Mr Patten said yesterday that the letter made it abundantly clear there was no secret deal. "We put forward a series of five proposals on which the 1995 elections would be based," Mike Hanson, Mr Patten's spokesman, said. "The Chinese side accepted them. However, when it came to promulgating the Basic Law, these principles were not there."

Under Hong Kong's cur-rent system of limited democracy, only 18 out of the Legislative Council's 60 members were popularly elected in last year's first direct polling. That will rise to 20 in 1995.

The documents appear to show that at no point did Britain commit itself to limiting democratisation in Hong Kong before 1997 to the level envisaged by the Chinese side in the period after 1997. In



Flight victim: General Zia's death in a plane crash has yet to be explained satisfactorily

Sabotage claim gains ground in enquiry into Zia's death

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

EXPERT witnesses have told a judicial enquiry into the plane crash that killed General Zia ul-Haq, the former Pakistani president, that the aircraft was brought down by two explosions on board.

The death of the dictator in 1988 has never been fully explained. The Russians, Israelis, Indians, Americans and fellow army officers have all come under suspicion, but it has never been proved that the crash was anything more than an accident. The latest investigation tips the scales in favour of the sabotage theory. Ijaz ul-Haq, the late presi-

dent's son, has campaigned for years for an independent, high-level enquiry into the crash. He has always said that his father was murdered, although he has never speculat-ed about the possible murder-The launch of the judicial

investigation on government orders several weeks ago was something of a personal tri-umph for Mr Ijaz after repeated half-hearted official investigations failed to produce any conclusive findings. Earlier this year, the interior

ministry conducted an internal enquiry, which drew no

definite conclusions. The latest investigation was told by K. A. Shoaib, an electronics expert, that traces of antimo-ny, phosphorus, potassium and sulphur in the wreckage suggested that detonation devices had been used in the cockpit and at the aft door of the C130 transport plane. He said that the devices could

have led to explosions or fires. Group captain Shahid Hamid, an explosives expert, told the three-man judicial commission that, as a result of simulation exercises he had carried out, he believed there were at least two detonation devices in the plane, one in the cockpit and one at the rear. They would have led to blasts

He was giving evidence after the commission ordered him to inspect the plane's damaged aft door to determine whether it was hit by a missile from outside, damaged by an explosion from the inside or damaged in the crash. His findings will reinforce the generally held suspicions that the plane was

sabotaged. The crash also killed several senior army officers as well as Arnold Raphael, the United

States ambassador to Islamabad. During her years as Bhutto never showed much determination to establish who might have killed the man who hanged her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the former prime minister, in 1979. Pressure from President Zia's family and sympathisers for a full enquiry into the

crash, has increased steadily since Miss Bhutto was dismissed from office in 1990. General Zia ruled from 1977 until his death. In the elections that followed. Miss Bhutto received an overwhelming mandate, largely by invoking images of her father and describing him as a martyr for democracy. Relations between her and the army have always been tense. The military engineered her dismissal from office two years

tent and corrupt. Most observers suspect, however, that the real reason was that she had tried to trim the army's power. The military disdain and is rumoured to be determined to keep her from

ago on the ground that her

administration was incompe-

the letters, Mr Hurd states that Britain is eager for a smooth transfer of political

system in 1997, but qualifies

this with provisos which appear never to have been satisfied by the Chinese.

. Mr Hurd specifically ex-

empted Britain from commit-ting itself to only 20 of 60 directly-elected seats in the

Hong Kong legislature in 1995. He wrote on February 12, 1990: "I confine myself to

saying, as far as 1995 is concerned, that there will be

no fewer than 20 seats in the

On the election committee

which will elect ten seats in the

post-1997 Legislative Council, Mr Hurd wrote in the same letter: "I agree in principle with the arrangements which

you propose for an Election

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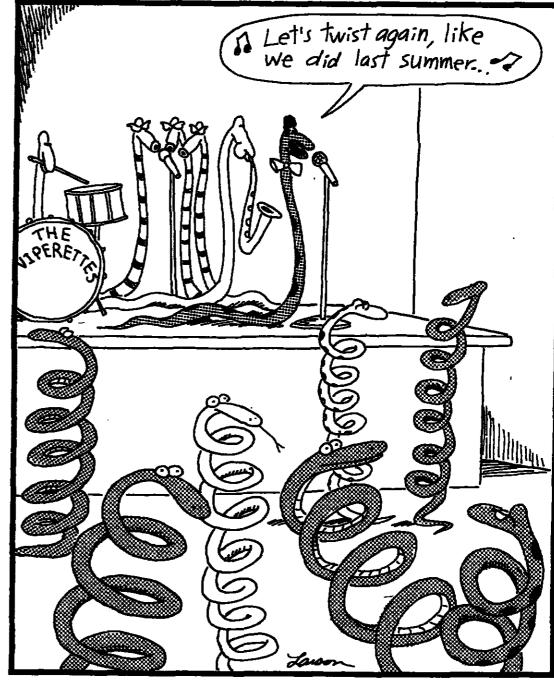
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Dog lead Orange, California: FBI agents have arrested two Colombians accused of smuggling cocaine that was chemically combined with glass fibre and moulded into dog ken-nels. Each kennel comained up to 15lb. (Reuter)



Burmese 'still being tortured

By James Landale

WIDESPREAD human rights abuse continues in Burma despite the freeing of more than 500 political prisoners since April, according to an Amnesty International report published yesterday.

The human rights org-

anisation believes that up to 1,600 people remain in

prison, including students,

monks, artists and children. It has evidence of 20

centres where prisoners

are beaten, tortured with

electric shock and de-prived of food and sleep.

Although the state law

council abolished military tribunals last month, mar-

tial law is still in place.

Amnesty said that "tens of thousands" had been

forced by the army to serve

as porters and labourers in

war zones, many of whom

were summarily killed lat-

er. More than 300,000

people have fled the cour-

try in the past 18 months.

tions in Burma are deep-

rooted and thousands upon thousands have suf-

fered," Amnesty said. "The

pattern of abuse is entrenched throughout the

country. It needs to be

tackled urgently."
Any political opposition is quashed Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the

National League for De-mocracy and Nobel peace

prize winner, has been

under house arrest since

"Human rights viola-

order restoration

Bar dropped

Ottawa: Canada's armed forces have scrapped all barriers against the recruitment and promotion of homosexuals and lesbians after the federal court ruled that the restrictions violated the

Dimitrov fights

Sofia: The Bulgarian government of Filip Dimitrov faced possible defeat in a rowdy session when deputies debated a confidence motion. It was alleged that Mr Dimitrov's closest adviser tried to sell arms to Macedonia.

Polls imminent

Nairobi: President Moi dissolved the Kenyan parliament in preparation for the first multiparty elections in 26 years, but he still named no notice must be given before

voting can begin. (Reuter)

The West's farmers are fighting the Gatt decision that would cut their subsidies. But, post-Maastricht, is their battle a losing one?

Growing anger down on the farm

griculture became the sticking point of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) when it was introduced into negotiations in 1986. Disagreement centres on how further to reduce subsidies paid to all farmers. France is the biggest obstacle to agreement, partbecause of the political clout wielded by its farmers and partly because, as the EC's biggest food producer and the world's second

from lowered, or limited, subsidies. France feels that the reform of the EC Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) agreed last May and in effect from next year, which includes a 29 per cent cut over three years in the guaranteed prices paid to cereal farmers, is sacrifice enough.

in 30 years, the number of people farming French land has dropped from six to two million. but France still imports only 11 per cent of its food and agricultural products.

The French referendum on Maastricht cemented the shift in decision-making power from Paris to Brussels. In turn, that will transform the French farming secfor from a big fish in a medium-size pond to a small, whining fish in a giant lake.

In the end, the farmers were betrayed by their own. France approved the Maastricht Treaty by 51 per cent to 49 per cent, but with crucial help from Britanny's farmers, who voted overwhelmingly in favour. The agricultural sector in every other region of France rejected the treaty.

Pierre Beregovoy, the French prime minister, knows that although the vital Maastricht battle in France is over, there will be further skirmishes with the nation's farmers. Unless President Mitterrand resigns between now and then, the first of these will be next March, the general election. The best that his Socialist Party can hope for is that the agricultural vote will split several ways, as now looks likely. Jacques Chirac's neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR). along with the Union for French Democracy (UDF) led by the former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing, will take back the farmers' votes that they lost to the Beregovoy's public defence of his farmers against the American infissage seems to be that there are different types of cowboys, and the French ones are the ones in the



American negotiating concerned that if agreement cannot be reached before the American election on November 3 an administration under Bill Clinton might be even less ready to make concessions. British farmers are, however, better placed than most in Europe to weather the chilly economic winds blowing through agriculture. They are al-most alone in having experienced a free market in food and are more streamlined as a result.

For nearly 100 years after the Corn Laws were abolished in the middle of the last century, Britain imported most of its food because it could be produced more cheaply abroad. Systematic protection, in the form of production quotas and guaranteed prices, was reintroduced only in the depression of the early 1930s.

During the second world war

boosting food production became a matter of national survival. National support for farmers provided by the 1947 Agriculture Act was replaced by the even more generous subsidies available under the CAP after Britain joined the EC in 1973.

British farming responded alltoo vigorously. As crop yields and farm incomes rose, so did land values. Britain, dependent on imports for two-thirds of its food needs in 1940, is now 75 per cent selfsufficient in food that can be grown in a northern climate. But by the late 1970s pressure was building to reduce the cost of the CAP, which had as its central feature a system that in effect guaranteed many farmers a minimum return for everything they could produce, irrespective of demand.

In May the EC finally agreed to reforms in the CAP which should encourage farmers to produce for the market rather than for the

Barely 2 per cent of the British labour force now works in agriculture, compared with 7 per cent in the EC as a whole. The average size of Britain's 250,000 farms is 160 acres, about five times the average for the Community overall.

In one respect the CAP reforms will be felt more severely here than elsewhere. To qualify for the new grants, farmers will have to leave 15 per cent of their arable land fallow each year in rotation. Many farmers on the Continent will be exempt from "set-aside" because their land holding is too small.



Disappearing world: for a farmer to be forced to let his land lie fallow is a calculated insult, says Thierry Sarazen, who is pessimistic about agriculture's future

Reducing production and price is unacceptable

with 50 hectares (125 acres) in the Champagne region north of Reims. shifts effortlessly between the intricacies of the reformed CAP and the sociological role of the farmer in modern France. But as he considers both subjects, there is

the same wistfulness in his voice. "Our numbers are down. The sociological weight that we had is on the wane, because we represent. in fact, a world that's disappearing." He adds that French farmers

• The budgets do not look at

ike other British farmers.

Anthony Pemberton, who

farms 5.000 acres of arable land in Cambridge-

shire, has spent much of this year digesting the CAP reforms which

may now be reinforced by further cuts in farm subsidies being dis-

cussed in the Gatt negotiations.

figures don't look too horrendous."

he says. Pressed to be more

specific, he allows that "the bud-

gets do not look at all bad and we

certainly should not be any worse

off". That is about as close as most

farmers will come to admitting

that the reforms are nothing like

Mr Pemberton would fit most

people's idea of an East Anglian "grain baron". Well over half the

5.000 acres the family owns, rents

or manages is under cereals, with

sugar beet potatoes, peas, beans

and oilseed rape being the other

One of the chief goals of the CAP

reforms, and of the tortuous Gatt

negotiations, is to reduce the

incentive for farmers such as Mr

Pemberton to squeeze every last ounce of output from their acres.

The minimum price per tonne

that cereals farmers are guaran-

the cataclysm some had feared.

"We have done our sums and the

all bad and we certainly

should not be any worse off 9

teed will be cut, in stages, by 29 per cent over the next three years. To

offset loss of income. farmers will

be paid a direct grant for every acre

of cereals they grow, rising from £49 next year to £88 by 1996.

up making even better profits than

before. But there is a catch. The

generous acreage grants may not continue after 1996, and to qualify

for them he will have to "set aside"

15 per cent of his arable land.

learn our husbandry techniques."

he says. "If you grow two or three

cereal crops on the trot in the same

field, you tend to lose yield in the

second and third years. If you put a

break crop in you get a higher yield again in the first wheat crop

that follows it. What none of us

knows is whether you will get the

same vield boost after leaving a

field fallow. There could also be a

Mr Pemberton will be putting

more emphasis on quality than

quantity, but the scope is limited.

and chemical use for four or five

years now." he says.

We have been reducing fertiliser

MICHAEL HORNSBY

carry-over of weed and disease."

We are all going to have to re-

rotating it round the larm.

Mr Pemberton could well end

mission to feed the population so the French people do not listen as carefully to what the agricultural

His farm is small by French standards. About 30 hectares (75 acres) is given to cereals, another 13 (32 acres) to sugar beet, and the rest to whatever is marketable in

'Under the new CAP I will have to leave 4.3 hectares (10.75 acres) fallow. I'll only get a subsidy for about half of what I would get if I

in income of Fr25,000 (£3,250) a year. But apart from the loss in money, what is intolerable for the farmers of this region is the fact that people are to be paid for doing nothing. For a farmer to be forced to let his land go fallow is a calculated insult.

He predicts the return of "bad grass" as a result of the policy, because the land will be uncared for. "And the parasites will come back, they'll sneak back on to the uncultivated land," he says.

ot for nothing has President Bush been making a whistle-stop tour of Iowa and the plains of middle America in this last full week of the election campaign. In those states lies the farming vote, which is growing increasingly testy and must be pacified.

It was the United States, backed by low-cost food exporters such as Australia and New Zealand, that insisted, in 1986, on the inclusion of farm trade in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) talks on the liberalisation of world trade. American cereal farmers. in particular, complained that they were losing markets to the more heavily subsidised EC

President Bush's hard line on Gatt talks is intended to make the he is brandishing their pitchfork. America has demanded a 24 per cent cut in the volume of all subsidised European farm exports, which the EC thinks

Thirty-seven per cent of America's food and agricultural products are imported, largely from Europe, and Mr Bush's threat this week to put punitive import taxes of \$300 million (£186 million) on French products if the EC deadlock continues could trigger a bloody trade war. Columnists in America are discussing whether France is about to outdo Japan as "public enemy number one" and whether "a transatlantic food fight" may boost Mr Bush's reputation as the foreign

aliairs president. Cynics noted that when the president's popularity was heading rapidly down in early September, he suddenly eased regulations governing the Export Enhancement Programme (EEP), which subsidises American crop exports by paying wholesalers some of the difference if they are about to be undercut on world markets, and increased its annual budget by \$1 billion. But American spending on export subsidies remains minuscule compared to European ones - one tenth of the EC

On Tuesday Mr Bush was in lowa trying to convince the depopulated farming state of his determination, but for many lowans that was too late. Over 14,000 farmers there have declared themselves bankrupt in the past ten years, and those sticking it out.

The French farmers, he says, were told that if they accepted the new CAP deal Europe would hold solid against United States' demands in the Gatt negotiations. "Now we hear that the Americans still want to pressurise the Europeans to reduce production and prices. It is

just unacceptable." The concept of a common agri-cultural policy, the mechanisms that have been in place for 20 years, works, he believes. "I'm for on the family farming tradition. it. because for me European dev-

Menancourt where he farms look to M Sarazen, 50, for advice, and they elected him mayor of the 700strong commune. But he is pessi-mistic about the future for agriculture. The future of his own 50 hectares is also uncertain, he admits. He has three teenage daughters, but none of them are showing much interest in carryir

Other farmers around Au

elopment will mean a richness for SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH



Duane Sanders: favours a market based on demand and supply

• The American government subsidies are really no more than a Band Aid 9

eep in the God-fearing grainbelt of America. Duane Sanders has farmed his land for over 40 years: his father for 40 years before that. Tilling the Kansas soil is not quite as simple as it was then, when the farmer simply took his bushels of wheat to Wichita market, Now, Mr Sanders has to juggle government subsi-dies and wheelin' dealin' wholesalers. and second guess Jacques

Until recently, Paris, France, was of much less interest around here than, say. Paris, Texas, or Paris, Kentucky. But as generously subsi-dised French farmers undercut American wheat-growers, far-away Europe is coming close to home. The Sanders, who farm north-

east of Wichita, have had to cut down on wheat, sorghum and alfalfa because the market prices were not balancing the books. The Sanders have stopped renting some land, and have moved to sheep farming, cattle-fattening and semi-retirement. Mr Sanders says American government subsidies are "no more than a Band Aid they might just pay the gas bill. and you never know when or what you're going to get".

The European subsidies seem great riches compared to "the trickle-down that we get", he says. "I would rather we had a market based on supply and demand. I know we produce more than other countries, but what they're paid leaves us well behind."

American farmers consider themselves far less coddled than the French. Howard Tice, the executive director of the Kansas Wheat Growers' Association claims that the European subsidy system is "ludicrous — although I guess if I was a French producer I wouldn't think so".

He points to an extreme example two years ago when Kansas was trying to sell wheat to the former Soviet Union. The wheat actually costs \$105 a tonne to produce. The Americans reduced their price to \$95, with the EEP making up the \$10 loss. They still did not clinch the deal, so they reduced the price to \$85 a tonne. "But the French undercut to \$75 a tonne," says Mr Tice, "and they were still being paid \$200 a tonne by their government. How can we compete? How is that

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Beer for a dead soldier

Vietnam war

mementos go on display in the US

7 hen the polished black granite Vietnam war memorial - known as the Wall - went up in Washington, DC, ten years ago, no one could have guessed the outpouring of emotion it would inspire. People have argued over it, wept against it, and many have left pieces of their past beside it.

More than 500 of the 25,000 objects left at the monument over the past decade are being displayed for the first time this week in an exhibition entitled "Personal Legacy", at the National Museum of American History in Washington. Lasting until June next year, the exhibition kicks off a six-day celebration of the tenth anniversary of the memorial, which will culminate in a continuous 64-hour reading of all 58,183 of the names of the dead and missing etched in the Wall, and a march by an expected 100.000 veterans on Veterans' Day

on November 11.

Many of the mementos in "Personal Legacy are easily under-stood: a uniform, a sealed letter, a photograph of a child who never got to see his father. Others have special significance only to the dead for whom they were intended: a pack of cigarettes, a pair of silk panties, a can of beer with a note that reads "Here's the beer I owe you. Twenty-four years late," Oth



Veteran's badge of memory

ers are still more mysterious: a black-and-white television set, a oair of bicycle tenders, a f

artificial Christmas tree. The Vietnam war was the first to come directly into American living rooms via television. It dramatically affected the 2.7 million who fought in Southeast Asia, and for some, it continues in a legacy of heroin addiction or the long term effects of poisons such as "Agent Orange", or homelessness, depression and post-

traumatic stress. "Like a kind of chorus, these objects are the voice of our country as we wrestle with the memory of Vietnam." says John Wheeler, fundraising chairman of Beyond the Wall, the organisation funding the exhibition. "Leaving an object is an attempt to break down the barrier of death."

In 1982, after much controversy. veterans finally received the goahead to build the memorial. Many thought the winning design. submitted by Maya Ying Lin, a 21year old architecture student at Yale, was inappropriate. Calling it "a tombstone", "a black gash of shame and sorrow" and "a wailing wall for anti-draft demonstrators", many veterans - including one H. Ross Perot - fought to have the concept changed entirely or at least for the addition of a flag and a

statue of some soldiers. Since its dedication in 1982. many things have changed. The path beside the memorial has been smoothed and widened several times to accommodate its 30 mil-lion visitors. By 1984, the flag and the "Three Servicemen" statue had been added. Ladders were made available so that people could make pencil rubbings of the names etched at the Wall's highest points. Next year a new statue, honouring women, will be added.

As the Wall has evolved, so has America's view of the war. "The Wall has had the effect over the years, particularly in the early years, of healing an open sore of the wound of Vietnam," says Ken Berez, a Vietnam veteran and associate director of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation.

"The point of this tenth anniversary is to heal and seal the wound permanently, says Jan Scruggs, president and founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the organisation that raised the \$7

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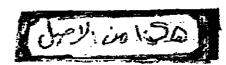
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million to build the Wall. "The recent turning over of documents and photographs of our prisoners of war by Vietnam, and the moves that we're making towards normalising relations and beginning a trade relationship are all positive," says Mr Scruggs.
"Also the failure to exploit Bill Clinton's supposed avoidance of service — the fact that most people really don't view it as a major issue — shows that the wounds have healed with time and that America

is recovering from the war." RENE RILEY-ADAMS



Father knows best . . . or does he?

y foremothers had one advantage over the men whose names they took. They were certain that they were the mothers of their children, but their husbands or lovers could never be entirely sure of their own relation. This insecurity was articulated by Dr Johnson in a conversation recorded in James Boswell's Life:

I mentioned to him a dispute between a friend of mine and his lady, concerning conjugal infidelity, which my friend had maintained was by no means so bad in the husband, as in the wife

Johnson: "Your friend was in the right, Sir. Between a man and his Maker it is a different question: but between a man and his, wife, a husband's infidelity is nothing. They are connected by children, by fortune, by serious considerations of community. Wise married women don't trouble themselves about infidelity in their husbands."

Boswell: "To be sure there is a great difference between the offence of infidelity in a man and that of his wife."

Johnson: "The difference is boundless. The man imposes no bastards upon his wife."

The traditional British marriage can be seen as a bargain proceeding from this anxiety about paternity. If the woman had relinquished her name and all her possessions, and depended on her husband for her basic subsistence, it was in her interest to convince him that her children were also his.

In a culture where all that matters is the passing on of genes, this certainty need not be crucial, since men might act like certain breeds of monkey and conclude that their best strategy was to impregnate as many females as possible. (One has only to read the works of Norman Mailer to realise that this still has its advocates.) But in a society based on the ownership of property, people need to feel sure they are leaving it to their authentic descendants. This is why the droit de seigneur could only exist in a feudal society, symbolising as it did the fact that male seris had no property to leave and thus no need to be sure of whether their children were their own. In fact, if they all were sure of their paternity, their desire to obtain property Beneath the happy façade, doubts
lurk for the family man who ponders
the imponderable: are these children
really mine? Sean French reports

to leave them might become

Our view of property, marriage and sexual morality is now hopelessly muddled but the paternal anxiety survives. It's not just that the New Man might be reluctant to demonstrate his sensitivity by getting back from work in order to read a story to a child that he thinks may not be his. It is my experience of a year of fatherhood that people are more insistent in pointing out the resemblance of the baby to the father than to the mother, as if each such observation were a testimonial of authenticity. This is scarcely a scientific finding, but even if it is not strictly true, it doesn't matter, since my perception of the supposed phenomenon must itself be a demonstration that the anxiety exists. But then

perhaps I have a special reason to be anxious, or perhaps people are being overhaps people are being overhaps people are being overhaps people are being overhaps people are because they know something I don't about reasons there may be to doubt my paternity. Excuse me, if I stop writing for a few minutes while I go and look at my daughter.

Well, that's all right. It's not

just that she obviously looks like me, but on that flap of flesh that protects the ear, the one that you press into the cavity when you try to block out sound, well, I have a small lump on my right one and my daughter has a small lump on her left one, so the chances must be millions and millions to one that we are not related, unless, that is, we both have small tumours on our ears, but even that would be more likely if we really were father and

daughter, wouldn't it?

I suspect that most men are uneasy with the idea of fatherhood in a way that women are not with motherhood. Most men become fathers twice. The first occasion is at the moment of conception. After my daughter had been conceived I could have absconded, been kidnapped by aliens,

died, and she would have been born just the same. And those men who do depart for one reason or another are still fathers in a sense that the best stepfather in the world will never be. Yet when the baby is born the man has to become a father in a different, public

way, putting on the old robes, creaky, ill-fitting, moth-eaten, worn with overuse.
The second fatherhood is a contract that has to be renegotiated every time. If the first paternal anxiety is about the questionable male relationship to the baby, then the second is an envy of the mother's unquestionable relationship. One of the most potent myths ever invented by a woman is Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, the man harnessing all technology in order to cobble together his own baby with lightning and scraps from the graveyard.

grew up on another,

more insidious version of that myth. Dr Seuss's story for children, Horton Hatches the Egg. Readers may recall that Maisie the lazy bird is tired of sitting on her egg in the jungle and she departs on holiday, enlisting Horton, a passing elephant, to sit on it for her. Horton faces terrible hardships. He is rained and snowed upon, then captured and displayed in a circus to mocking audiences, but he keeps his promise: 'I meant what I said, and I said what I meant / An elephant's faithful one hundred per cent.' Just as the egg is about to hatch, Maisie returns to claim her egg. but then it hatches and out pops a little elephant with wings. Thirty years avant la lettre is this not the dream of the New Man, that by being sensitive enough, by finding the womanly side of himself, the woman can be supplanted altogether? The climax of this tendency was enacted in Tariq Ali's 1991 novel, Redemption in which, when the mother fails to produce milk for

baby, it is miracul-

ously suckled by its father.

Anxiety is a form of aggression, and if fathers envy the mother's biological connection, this is accompanied by a sense that motherhood is just a little too easy. The haby pops out and is applied to the breast, what is that compared with the struggles that fathers face? Robert Benton's utterly

monstrous film, Kramer vs Kramer, is an epic in which Dustin Hoffman's achievement is not to kill the white whale or forge a mighty sword but to learn how to make breakfast for his son. Field of Dreams is another epic in which Kevin Costner, the New Man's answer to Gary Cooper, heals his psyche, and by implication that of America, by summoning his father from beyond the grave in order to throw a baseball with him. The bond between father and child, especially father and son, is portrayed as an exclusion of the mother. In his deranged megalomaniac movie The Alamo, in which, as one critic observed, the slogan 'Better Dead than Red' is replaced by the slogan 'Better Tex than Mex, John-Wayne/Davy Crockett com-pares the feeling that the word republic' gives him to the feeling a man gets when he holds his first son in his arms. The mother-child relation is introverted private; the father-

child relation is extroverted. public and public-spirited. My original thought for the title of my anthology of essays on fatherhood was Fatherland, which seemed to me very. Virago, with its suggestion of patriarchal totalitarianism, but this was considered too grim and, besides, a thriller of that title appeared earlier this year. My next idea was From Here to Paternity, which was considered not grim enough, sounding more like a collection of articles from Punch on the "funny side of fatherhood, an irreverent sideways look at the world of changing nappies and escaping to the 19th hole". In the end, a simple title seemed best. As Dr Johnson defined "fatherhood" in his

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 Men write about Fathering, edited by Sean French (Varago, £11.99)
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Dictionary, "The character of a father; the authority of a

father". But then, Dr Johnson



Sean French with daughter Hadley and, foreground, stepchildren Anna and Edgar

Heroics in shock

veryone loves to hear about caim heroes who battle their way to victory despite appalling injuries. This week we heard of the composure of Sergeant Bob Window, the policeman who chatted politely to the people helping him after his hand was hacked off with a sumurai

sword. In fact, his response was the typical reaction of an individual faced with a sudden and overwhelming threat to his life. However, it was a series of helpful physiological reactions, rather than shock itself, which helped him stay so cool. Medically, shock is a physical condition caused by lack of blood in the tissues and is dearly distinguished from the emotional distress which most lay people are describing when they talk about shock.

Sgt Window was working in a hostile environment. Even before he was attacked, his adrenal glands would have been producing extra amounts of adrenalin, the "fight or flight" hormone. The effects of adrenalin would have increased the efficiency of his heart and lungs, and raised his blood sugar to fuel a surge of extra activity. This, combined with the release of endorphins, the body's painkillers, would have helped him get to safety after his hand was

"There are many similar cases, particularly in wartime," says Dr Gienys Parry, the director of psychological services for Sheffield health authority. "The painkillers and tranquillisers produced by the body give a feeling of unreality, a cold detachment which makes it possible to act calmly. It is the body's way of brying time to deal with a threat, a very useful survival mechanism. It can be minutes or months before reality breaks through."

Michael Brough, a council member of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons, says a less serious injury might have proved more dangerous. If Sgt Window's artery and blood vessels had been partially severed, bleeding would have been much more severe, leading to a risk of physiological shock, the symptoms of which include rapid shallow breathing, clammy skin and fainting. Shock can kill unless the lost fluids are rapidly replaced.

Ann Kent

Trouble with bird fancying

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A FEW years ago bird fanciers wrote in flocks to *The Times* to protest that over the course of a week or two we had carried two "anti-bird" stories. The first reported that the late Keith Castle, then the longest-living heart transplant patient, had been struck low by pigeon fancier's lung after clearing the pigeons, together with their dusty droppings, out of his roof space. We reminded readers that pneumonia caused by ornithosis (psittacosis) was much more common than hitherto supposed and that the disease was spread by pigeons, budgerigars and canaries as well as parrots.

The final insult came, in the bird fanciers' view, when we reported the research of a Dutch GP, Dr P. Holtz, who had produced figures which showed that bird fanciers, regardless of the type of bird that they kept, were nearly seven times more likely to develop lung cancer, and that if all the pigeon lofts and bird cages in The Hague were to be emptied, the total instance of lung cancer in the city



MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

would be only a third of what it was. There are obvious factors which can confuse these statistics. It is possible that pigeon fanciers and canary breeders may also be heavy smokers, but Dr Holtz did make allowance for this. They may be drawn unequally from one particular social class or from one particular form of employment. In view of these doubts Dr Holtz suggested that his figures needed further and more detailed research. This research, with the figures carefully adjusted for smoking and other relevant confounding variations, was carried out in Lanark-

shire, Scotland, and West Berlin; results have been published in the British Medical Journal.

was childless.

The Berliners confirmed, up to a point, the Dutch statistics. The had news is that in West Berlin the chance of a bird fancier developing lung cancer is doubled; the good news is that long term exposure to household pets other than birds does not increase the risk of lung cancer.

lung cancer.

The results of the Scottish research are less striking. The authors concluded that there was a relationship between pigeon keeping and cancer of the lung but that the risk of lung cancer was not significantly associated with other pet

The Lanarkshire doctors research exposed one difference between Dutch and Scottish bird keepers the Dutch more often than the Scottish have the bird in their bedroom. Only two of the 72 Scots kept birds in the bedroom, but the habit seemed to be rife in



Deafness and the orchestra pit

OPERA buffs will have stripped their bank accounts bare this week to pay for the pleasure of hearing Placido Domingo and Kiri Te Kanawa at Covent Garden. As they listen to the octogenarian Georg Solti conducting the orchestra, carefully and constantly rehearsed. they should realise that they are confronting a group of workers who may well be suffering from an industrial injury just as real as that experienced by hop pickers, who develop a tenosynovitis of the wrist, or stonemasons whose lungs have become fibrosed through pneumoco-

The usual belief is that it is youths in pop groups who will suffer deafness as a result of their music but recent research in the Jour-

nal of the Royal Society of Medicine has compared the hearing of the City of Birmingham orchestral players with that of allegedly one of the loudest rock bands in the world, Man O War. Many of the rock players complained of tinnitus and a feeling that their ears were blocked. But the effect was usually shortlived, whereas 20 per cent of the orchestral players had permanent hearing defects.

Deafness from music is apparently more related to the frequency of exposure, its intensity and duration rather than the loudness at any one moment. However, pop enthusiasts do suffer hearing loss and wearing a personal stereo all day can equal the damage of a busy rehearsal schedule.

Mettle for mature males

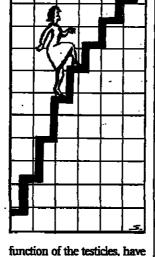
A CONFERENCE in Washington was told last week that women were able to take the strain of office in-fighting and in general bear the stresses of work better than men because they had lower levels of testosterone and were thus less aggressive and competitive. Without this hormone-driven need to fight, women were, the lecturer implied, able to plot their way calmly to the top. picking a path around the men who had fallen in thoughtless warring.

Testosterone, the male hormone, is present in varying amounts in both sexes. In women its presence becomes of increasing significance as they grow older and it is attributed with providing the drive in later life which puts the post-menopausal woman on the bench or board.

Conversely in men its decrease is one of the inevitable changes of aging and is blamed for the increasing impotence and loss of interest in the opposite sex as men grow older.

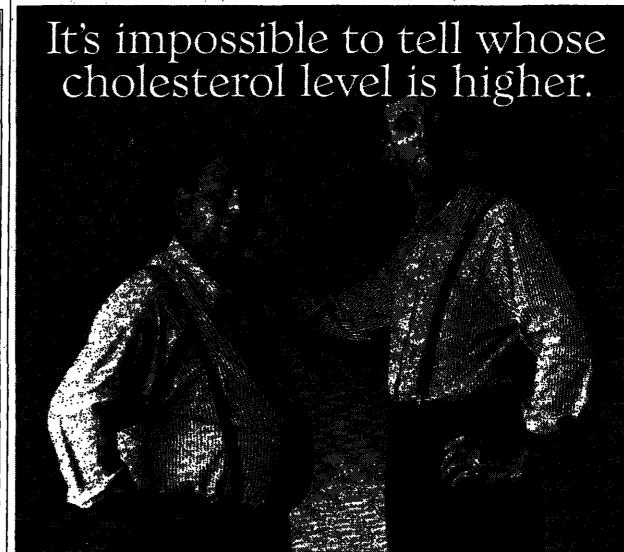
grow older.

Received wisdom has it that testosterone injections will only restore a flagging masculinity if the pituitary hormones, which regulate the testosterone-producing



already increased in response to the lower levels of circulating testosterone. But in practice many patients with low levels of pituitary hormones and testosterone do benefit. There is good news in the

British Medical Journal for those men who need quite a different type of injection, paparaverine, which is given actually into the penis. And experience has shown that another way of controlling the blood supply is the local application of a nitroglycerin transdermal plaster, which causes expansion in the blood vessels. It is usually used to treat angina and will help a failing organ.



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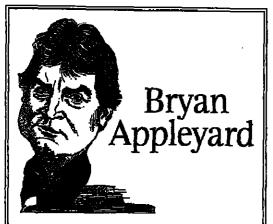
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importantly it's the most accurate home cholesterol test you can buy.







■ The crazes for keep-fit and computer games have come together in the Gladiators

ike Ahearne was an 11-stone weakling, but now he eats ten Shredded Wheat for breakfast, weighs 21 stone and looks like a block of flats made of human tissue. His new name is Warrior and he is a Gladiator. "I reckon", he explains, "95 per cent of the women I meet want their fellas to be like a

Gladiators is a new television show shot before an audience of 8,000 at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham and broadcast on Saturday nights to an audience of 13 million. It is distantly descended from It's a Knockout without the big feet. Smart Hall, Eddie Waring or Fergie. A resident team of male and female Glads with names like Warrior, Scorpio, Jet and Panther take on challengers with names like Kevin and Nigel. For some reason both sexes wear lycra bikinis. They play strange, violent, essentially gymnastic games and then talk, po-faced, about their tactics to hysterical commentators.

This is, without doubt, the hottest thing in the nation's playgrounds and junior discos. It has taken over from the short-lived teen and sub-teen craze for American wrestling. This consisted of a series of flagrantly rigged bouts between monstrous and usually very fat men who were then marketed on stickers, in comics and as collectable small, plastic figures in toy shops. Like Gladiators it was all about stylised violence, but its appeal was different. The wrestlers were ogres. as attractive to small children as giants in fairy stories. The Glads, in contrast, are heroes, role models, gods and goddesses of the keep-fit, eathealthy, workout culture.

At first the imagery of the show is puzzling. It betrays the influences of the Mad Max films, of heavy metal music and, naturally, of anything starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. There is also a highly mannerist version of gym-style big training shoes, sweat bands and all the lycra. The setting is that of a sporting contest, but strangely intensified. There is a carefully-cultivated hint of anarchy in the arena. You are lured by the whipped-up competitive hysteria into feeling that the violence could get out of control. People could die at the hands of their opponents or because of their own overreaching fervour. These are, after

D uzzlement clears when you suddenly realise that this is a commuter commuter that this is a commuter commuter that the same and the same are the sa From the beginning arcade and domestic games software has predominantly been about violence. Initially this was almost all of the star wars or fighter pilot variety, but, as the technology improved, more organic manoeuvres became possible. This allowed the computer to simulate conflict between humans and/or creatures. The imagery chosen for these conflicts was either from the movie Ninja Turtles or whatever - or from a strangely confused dustbin of mythologies.

Norse axemen. Greek gods and medieval swordsmen and all their associated iconography have been whipped together to provide narrative dressing for the computerised battles. Children with computers now unquestioningly inhabit an imaginative realm constructed from a mass of disembodied and deracinated bits of world mythologies. The Gladiators are remote descendants of Roman warriors filtered through

the desperate imaginations of software designers. Computer games allow one to engage in the logic of these violent worlds without danger. All computer game promotion emphasises the excitement of entering the machine world and all developments in computer entertainment notably virtual reality - are aimed at intensifying the degree to which the user is involved. Armed with your joystick or your VR helmet and glove. you utterly cease to be a spotty, inhibited, frustrated teenager and become a mighty warrior.

The body transformed into a machine is a clear enough image of what is going on here. For Gladiators is a superbly succinct synthesis of the two of the most potent fashions in popular culture - the body craze and the computer craze. Computers provide the context by generating an imagery and style of violence with which the audience feels at home; working out in the gym provides the ideal and the ethic.

The fitness ethic has become almost the one identifiable value system that suffuses all youth culture. It is virtuous to compete in this way, even, in the case of Warrior Mike Ahearne, to dedicate your life to the task. He stopped being an insurance salesman to devote himself more fully to the cause of his muscles. The very word "work" with its overtones of goodness is now most frequently employed in the context of an aerobics class or a gym circuit.

Such exercise is a very pure form of Cartesianism. The mind treats the body as an object in the world, a machine, and acts upon it. The machinery of the gym and all the language of the workout encourages the participant to regard his body as a cladding, something that can be improved the better to satisfy the cravings - for sex, power or recognition - of the mind. Ideally. through the rite of passage of the workout, he should become like Schwarzenegger in Terminator, an almost invulnerable robot clad. purely for purposes of disguise, in a coating of synthetic flesh.

Invulnerability is the source of almost all childhood and teenage fantasies. The big bully is beaten by our secret mastery of a martial art, we outgun the baddies, we walk through the flames. we are Superman or Captain America. The Gladiators are very young, very fit and apparently motivated to the point of psychosis. They can do anything. Seldom can teenage fashions have been so neatly realised in the imagery of mass entertainment. The Gladiators are fantasy figures who have transcended mess and inadequacy by becoming, almost, machines.

The prime minister is doing a good job clearing up after Mrs Thatcher, says Bruce Anderson

prime minister. Marga-ret Thatcher left John Major with an accursed inheri-tance. If his premiership is now embattled, it is because of the difficulties he has encountered

in clearing up her mess. By 1990. Thatcherism had faltered in four crucial areas. The first was Europe. Ever since Treaty of Rome, successive British governments had been dishonest. The treaty committed us to a number of goals - above all European union - which the British electorate would have found unacceptable. Politicians involved with European affairs sought to circumvent this by a double deception. The public were deceived as to the nature of the obligations entered into, while the politicians deceived themselves as to the strength of foreigners' enthusiasm for the European ideal. In all this, the Great

Handbagger was as guilty as anyone. By signing the Single European Act she not only transferred significant power from Westminster to Brussels: she committed us to federalist sentiments quite as obnoxious as anything in the Maastricht Treaty. Presumably she did so on the assumption that while

The case for John Major If we avoid a breakdown in sued a counter-inflation policy. the single market was to Britused that goodwill to defeat the relations with the rest of the

ain's advantage, the unpalatable parts of the Single European Act would turn out to be empty rhetoric. If so, she without Jacques plus the Euronomenklatura.

By 1990, the Conservative party was deeply split. If it had been mishandled, the European issue could have wrecked the party quite as comprehensively as the Corn Laws had: it may still.

John Major's view of Europe identical to Mrs Thatcher's. He wants free trade, not federalism: enlargement, not narrowing - above all, he wants a Europe capable of discharging its responsibilities in the East, and not the little Europeanism of Jacques Delors and Brussels. He decided that to secure those objectives a different style was required based on the cunning of Ulysses, not on the brawn of Achilles.

By proclaiming his desire for Britain to be at the heart of Europe Mr Major rebuilt Britain's Euro-diplomacy. He then

federalists at Maastricht. They had hoped to bring foreign affairs, defence and Home Office matters within the Treaty of Rome. Mr Major kept them outside the treaty. They also intended to secure a binding commitment to economic and monetary union: Mr Major secured an opt-out clause.

In all this, he was taking a broad historical perspective. He believes that the federalists' attempts to supersede the nation state are doomed to failure, but that there are real short-term dangers. If Britain had refused to sign a deal at Maastricht worse still if we were to repudiate it now - those in favour of the treaty would not have meekly accepted our decision, but would press ahead without us.

This could have drastic consequences for British trade. The French have as little enthusiasm for free trade as we have for federalism. It is risible to suppose that we would be able to sell Japanese cars made in Britain to a Europe in which we had lost all political influence.

Community and if the Conservative party can hold its nerve. then in the course of this decade we will finesse the Europe we want. This will be the greatest achievement of Mr Major's long premiership.

Thatcherism's second great failure was inflation. After 112

years of commitment to counterinflation, the inflation rate was 10 per cent and rising. Mr Major's first task was to bring that down and there was no way of doing so without pain.
Britain's forced withdrawal

from the exchange-rate mechanism was a defeat for the government and damaged the prime minister's credibility. But sixty years after the great depression finance ministers have still not learned how to achieve a balance between growth and counter-inflation. Mr Major cannot be held personally re-sponsible either for the implosion of the ERM or for the defects of the world monetary system. Largely due to the rigour with which he has pur-

Britain is well placed to resume non-inflationary growth. That goal ultimately eluded Mrs Thatcher. It will be the second great achievement of the Major

Mrs Thatcher's third defect was her failure to offer a coherent theory of the state. Sometimes she seemed to think that the state should consist solely of anarchy plus the constable: a most un-Tory view. At other times she would boast about having increased public spending, without explaining how she would ensure that the money was spent effectively.

So we arrived at a malign paradox: high public spending, which satisfied no one: 12 per cent of GDP spent on welfare, and a burgeoning underclass. Paul Johnson yesterday derided the Citizen's Charter. But how else would he begin the hard task of ensuring that the taxpayer will ultimately receive as much value for a pound spent on his behalf by the state as he does for the pound he spends in

The fourth and final failure was the Union. For all Mrs Thatcher's efforts, the Union was much more under threat in 1990 than it had been 1979, The problems remain, in Scotland as in Ulster. But the fervour with which Mr Major proclaimed his own unionism has at least brought the issue back to the centre of British politics. He is also having more success in convincing the Scors and Northern Irish that

London cares about them. Over the past few weeks an 6 impression that he is at the mercy of events has done more than anything to undermine Mr Major's standing and to give an impression of weakness. But this is a superficial analysis based on a wilful refusal in recognise the depth of the problems facing him and the

ountry. No one who examines the challenges the prime minister has faced and surmounted since December 1990 could possibly believe him to be a weak man. He may not have enough gift of language to distract the nation from reality. Are we less well governed as a result?

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Laugh? I nearly died

Bernard Levin delights in a surreal new show that had him rolling helpless in the aisles

gods have showered upon us, laughter is one of the most precious, yet at the same time most mysterious. Indeed, the double conundrum - what causes laughter and what is laughter remains impenetrable, despite all the psychologists, to say nothing of the comedians. It is certainly very old: the reception of Aristophanes in his day was such as to make plain that even then humour had long been established, and he demonstrated something else: that time does not change the nature of humour, for we laugh at him today as his audiences did two and a half millennia ago.

Of the two mysteries, the second is less significant but more extraordinary. Whatever humour is, why do we greet it with the most extraordinary in which our faces are distorted in the most peculiar manner, and our bodies (if the humour is powerful enough) become uncontrollable? No one knows, though everyone knows that a powerful fit of laughter, no matter what has provoked it, is an immensely therapeutic experience.

The least funny book ever written, not excluding the autobiography of Leonid Brezhnev (for which, incidentally, he awarded himself the Soviet equivalent of the Booker prize), Freud's Jokes and their Relation to the Unconscious. If you don't believe me, try a few examples — real ones, I swear, annotations and all. Viz:

"Itzig had been declared fit for service in the artillery. He was dearly an intelligent lad. but intractable and without any interest in the service. One of his superior officers, who was friendlily disposed to him, took him on one side and said to him: 'Itzig, you're no use to us. I'll give you a piece of advice buy yourself a cannon and

make yourself independent." This advice, which may raise a hearty laugh, is obvious nonsense. Cannons are not to be bought and an individual can-

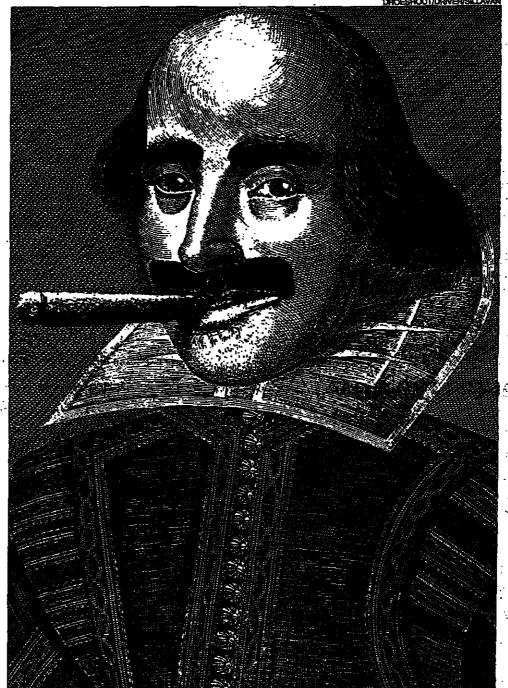
f all the gifts that the not make himself independent as a military unit - set himself up in business, as it were. But it is impossible to doubt for a moment that the advice is not mere nonsense but joking nonsense - an excellent joke. Or try this one - shorter, but

hardly less rollicking: baths. 'I have a bath every year'. said one of them, whether I need one or not." It is obvious that this boastful insistence on his cleanliness only serves to convict him of uncleanliness.

We have all experienced what Shakespeare called "the insane root that takes the reason prisoner", or if we have not, there is an impoverishment somewhere in our natures. Laughter has very many gradations, and it is very rare for anyone to reach the highest of all, where mirth is so powerful that the helplessness it youth, the Marx brothers lifted me to that Illyrian plateau; their power over me eventually faded, but the Goon Show, on BBC radio, replaced them.

In the theatre, there was of course Beyond the Fringe, sniffed at as "undergraduate humour", but acknowledged by any far-seeing spectator to have brought an extra dimension to humour. There was also the dangerously titled An Evening of British Rubbish, which turned out to be the show that came closest to killing me - I was so completely out of control. mind and body alike, that I was hurling myself about, and in one hurl hit my head, full tilt, against a pillar at the end of the row. I was then a theatre critic. and when I came to, I realised that it would have made a wonderful ad for the show: 'Critic died laughing".

My regular readers will have guessed that I am leading up to something, and so I am. There is a show in London, at the tiny Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street (a few steps from Leicester Square tube station) which fits my template of uncontrollable laughter, and clearly fitted the rest of the audience when I saw



it a week or two ago. Three men, Americans, calling themselves the Reduced Shakespeare Company, embark nightly (with a Saturday matinée) on an enter-prise blithely called The Com-plete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged), and I suppose you could say that that is what they give you, stretching

a point or two. But they are not just funny, not even just very funny indeed; they bring that heavenly release which tells us that the last chain of logic and reality has been broken, and we are hurled into stupendous. anchorless joy.

Their names are Adam Long. Reed Martin and Austin

Tichenor, in America they got together largely by chance and gradually turned themselves into this three-man Shakespearean extravaganza, playing one-nighters and moving on. (They even had the impudence to put on the show in the Shakespearean holiness of the Folger Shakespeare Library, and

got away unscathed and ap-

plauded with it) They came to the fringe of the Edinburgh Festival, though so did several hundred other groups of thespian hopefuls, but by then their American fame had taken hold, and they went home after Edinburgh and continued to tour. Then they returned the following year, again to Edinburgh, and then came south. And here they are.

To analyse humour is even worse than trying to define it. but I must try. These three men spring; I think it is the element rates them from ordinarily funny men. Let me give you an ample at one point, with no relevance at all to the structure (if it has one) of the show, a little clockwork Godzilla wanders out from the wings and lurches downstage, while the three seem helpless to do anything about it or even understand what is happening. Surrealism is an overworked term, but these three earn it: their surrealism. shough is shaped into laughter; if we had a moment's pause we would be asking how it is done. pause, only more laughter.

This is not haphazard Reed Martin was once a circus clown); it is, among the rioting of laughter, a carefully worked scenario, its ? effect deliberate, its skill highly professional, its ad-libs scrupulously few, its theatricality undoubted. It is obvious that they are enjoying themselves, as we are, and for the same reason: on stage and in the auditorium we have all let go of reason, that murderer of mirth.

These are dark days; death and anger stalk the world. But heaven forbid that anyone would enter the Arts Theatre just to get away from the mad reality outside. For The Com-plete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) is no baby's dummy, no attempt to divert attention from the brutal workaday world. It is three men in a boat, and that boat sails on a sea of release and joy, spreading laughter in its wake. Go see.

Their next show, on which they have started to work, will be called The History of the United States. The place will never be

Christie's to follow on?

ROWS IN THE book trade are by no means new, but the latest ercation between Drif, the bellicose and eccentric bookhunter, and Christie's, the fashionable auctioneers, has a certain fascination - not least because it involves the extensive library of John Arlott, the voice of English summer who died earlier this year. Drif, whose annual guide to

secondhand bookshops in the British Isles has become required reading for collectors, claims that Christie's substantially underestimated the value of Arlott's books when selling a portion of his library at auction. Part of the sale, lot nine, was a collection of 68 volumes by the cartoonist Osbert Lancaster signed and dedicated to the cricket commentator, which were expected by Christie's to fetch between £150 and £250. They were in fact bought by the leading Bloomsbury dealers Ballantyne and Date for £1,320. Drif claims that after

Way said he had been prepared to pay up to £1,750.

You might think that the

the auction Roger Ballantyne

margin of perhaps 20 per cent," said Drif yesterday, "but the discrepancy between estimates was quite ridiculous. They got huge amounts of free publicity and large numbers of the public came to view and bought the catalogue, but I believe the books were catalogued somewhat bizarrely." Christie's yesterday hit back,

saying that Drifs claims were entirely without foundation. This was supported by Arlott's widow, Pat, who expressed mild surprise at the Drif's complaints. Speaking from her house in Alderney, she said: "I am very happy with the auction and I think Christie's did a good job". Her mild-mannered husband would no doubt be aghast at the furore over his treasured library.

 Yesterday, on a tour of Japan.
 Sir Edward Heath found time to raise a glass of saki to the 21st anniversary of the Commons vote to join the European Community. Meanwhile. his arch rival in the European debate, Baroness Thatcher, had something else to celebrate. After a convivial lunch she sponsored the arrival in the House of Lords of her great "You might think that the friend and fellow opponent of experts could get it wrong by a Maastricht, Nicholas Ridley.



Peak condition

BARELY able to supress his glee at the chaos in the Tory party. John Smith was in ebullient form at the Groucho Club in Soho on Tuesday night for the launch of Ben Pimlott's new biography, Harold Wilson.

Smith, who is harbouring hopes of becoming prime minister before the New Year, was able to laugh at previous a setback in his career. "In February 1974. Harold offered me a job in the government which I turned down," reveals Smith. who was surprised when Wilson offered him a post in the energy department after the election of October 1974. "I told him I thought I had blown my chances six months earlier, but he said he was only interested in people who said no, and added: The post was only Solicitor General for Scotland."

Smith, who raised a glass to

the absent Lord Wilson along with Lord Callaghan, Roy Hattersley, Susan Crosland and the Pinters, has just bagged his 100th Munro peak in Scotland. "I had hoped to scale it by the last election, but perhaps I have made it just in time for the next

Yellow peril

one," he says.

JOHN MAJOR, who is believed to have considered appointing a minister for banana skins, may soon need a minister for bananas. The fruit has now become involved the row over Europe. As if he did not have enough on his plate already, the prime minister is being berated by a group of MPs over the threat posed by the EC to the Caribbean banana.

The MPs fear that the Caribbean banana, a smaller and more expensive variety than its rivals from Latin America, will be swamped by cheaper imports when the single European mar-ket comes into force next year. A concerned Paul Channon joined MPs Bowen Wells, Gwyneth Dunwoody, Diane Abbott and Bernie Grant at a lunch yesterday organised by the Caribbean Banana Exponers' Association. Questions are being tabled in

ls there a banana split in the house



the Commons urging ministers who embrace free trade to think again about the banana exports from Windward Islands, Jamaica. Belize and Surinam.

Channon, a former Trade and Industry Secretary, insists it is a serious consideration in the debate about Europe. "These tiny little islands depend almost entirely for their economic survival on tourism and bananas."

As for himself. "I am not that fond of bananas," he says.

Show of resistance

A PROPHET is not without honour, as Sir Richard Body will testify, save in his own country. Sir Richard, joint president of the Campaign for an Inde-pendent Britain, fervent antifederalist and scourge of the Tory whips, has won praise from none other than Jacques Delors. Sir Richard is appearing in the exhibition Europeans of Conscience", which is. opening today in the Gallerie Edgar Faure in Paris.

In the exhibition notes, Delors enthuses about the [1] featured Europeans: "They represent the talents and conscience of Europe," he says. The richness of our Europe is displayed in their faces." Sir Richard, who admits to being surprised and rather flattered by his inclusion, says: "I think it shows that my theories on Europe are better understood on the Continent than in this country. I am for a Europe of 40 separate 4 countries." He will not be making a special trip to Paris to see the exhibition. "I think its going to Prague and then coming to London next year. The photograph they are using is truly dreadful".

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GERMANY DECEIVES ITSELF

Chancellor Kohl must tell the economic truth

For the past two years, the whole of Europe has paid dearly for the failure of Germany, its pivotal economic power, to put unifica-tion on a sound financial footing. In the euphoria of 1990 Chancellor Kohl could have won support for an austerity appeal to finance the reconstruction of the eastern Lander. Instead, he insisted that Germany could pay for nationhood without belttightening. Now, when the need for tough policies is all too clear, the political task is much harder. But if he flinches, the costs of cowardice will be high.

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The most pressing need is to abandon the target, set in 1991, of equal wages in eastern and western Germany by 1996. This wellmeant policy has been an economic disaster for east Germans. It has deterred investment in eastern Germany, where productivity does not begin to match the western part of the country, and generated massive unemployment, conservatively estimated by Germany's five leading economic institutes this week at a quarter of the workforce. If the aim was to stem east-west migration in search of higher pay, it is happening anyway, in search of jobs. Western German unions pushed for wage convergence, but their members are now being asked to accept lower pay and higher taxes to pay for the unemployment thus created. The goal must be deferred.

For Germany as a whole, the priority is not tax increases but a tighter fiscal policy. beginning with a frontal assault on the economy's supply side. Few foreign admirers of the German miracle realise how massively the uneconomic parts of the economy are subsidised by the state. The bill for propping up dying industries — coal, steel and agriculture - comes to around 40 per cent of public spending. Here is massive scope for the public-sector cuts Germany needs. Such action needs to be accompanied by an equally bold programme of privatisation and deregulation, disentangling a morass of labour laws as well as the absurdly

restrictive laws limiting shop opening hours. These cuts in public spending are imperative. The Bundesbank, which is right to be worried about German inflation, will not otherwise loosen its monetary policy more than marginally. Industrial orders are down for the sixth consecutive month in western Germany and thousands of redundancies · have been announced or are in the pipeline. Independent forecasts this week expect

It is the crime that dares not speak its name.

Indeed its commonly used name, male rape.

is not even a recognised offence. A spate of

such attacks has recently been reported in

London, and attention concentrated on a

legal anomaly: a woman can be raped, while

a man cannot. This discrimination should

A violent sexual assault is as terrifying for

a man as it is for a woman. Both sexes feel

defiled, demeaned and humiliated by the

attack. Both often feel powerless in the face

of actual or threatened violence. For both,

the rape can be as traumatic emotionally as

physically and lead to long-term psychologi-

The danger of pregnancy is peculiar to

women. But the risk of contracting AIDS is probably higher for men. Male victims

suffer too from society's prejudices about

male rape. If they are heterosexual, they fear

people will assume that they are homo-

sexual. If they are homosexual, they fear

people will say they were asking for it

Whatever their sexual orientation, they can

feel angry and ashamed that they were not

"man" enough to defend themselves. And

many men, like women, worry that their

no longer be accepted.

cal and sexual problems.

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INDECENT ANOMALY

The rape of men should be punished more seriously

growth of only 0.5 per cent next year even if wage demands are modest and the Bundesbank loosens the reins.

Instead of cutting spending in western Germany, the German government has raised public-sector deficits to around 6 per cent of GDP, to pay for transfers of money to the east which this year are estimated at DM 163 billion. Some of that has gone into much needed investment in infrastructure; too much has been spent on unemployment and social benefits and wage subsidies, fuelling an inflationary consumer boom in the east.

The bill for its leaders' failure of vision is now coming home to Germany as well as its neighbours. Inflation, economic stagnation and looming recession are increasing support for extreme right-wing parties. Herr Kohl, while prepared to lecture his country-men on the folly of living beyond their means, as he did this week at the Christian Democratic Union congress, still shrinks from radical solutions.

-He has announced that taxes would have to rise in 1995. And he even hinted that the date might have to be brought forward unless the "solidarity talks" between the federal and local governments, employers, unions and opposition parties bear fruit by the end of the year. Yesterday, he nervously withdrew this threat, under fire from both the CDU's coalition partners as well as the opposition.

His opponents argue, with reason, that raising taxes in a recession would be counterproductive. But that leaves the Chancellor pinning his hopes on union agreement to wage restraint and welfare cuts, on cuts in public spending about which he remains resolutely vague, and on an easing of monetary policy by the Bundesbank Even if, which is far from certain, the solidarity talks reach agreement, this is tinkering with the margins. Instead, the government needs to rethink both the strategy for dealing with unification, and Germany's structural rigidities.

Older Germans have a pathological fear of recession; younger Germans have never encountered it. The fabled German consensus is faltering. Herr Kohl has a legendary reputation for reading his country's pulse, but a no less marked reputation for blurring decisions and waiting for agreement to emerge. His instincts should tell him that the time for radicalism has come.

Earlier this year, the anonymity granted to

female rape victims in court was extended to

men as well. That should remove one

obstacle to reporting. The police too are just

starting to equip themselves better to deal

with the crime. The Metropolitan Police has

set up the first pilot project in the country, in

which 26 officers have been trained as

"chaperones" to gain victims' trust. Male

victims are now interviewed in the less

intimidating "rape suites" already used for

female victims. But this is only a tiny step,

and it is time that other forces followed the

Attitudes towards male rape are probably

no more advanced than they were towards

female victims 20 years ago. And in one sense it is worse for men because there is no

offence of male rape in law. Since "rape" is

defined as penile penetration of the vagina,

male rape is still categorised as either non-

consensual buggery or indecent assault. The

maximum sentence is just ten years; for

Yesterday, Harry Cohen, Labour MP for

Leyton, introduced a ten-minute-rule bill

which, among other provisions, attempted

to create a new crime of male rape. The bill

has no chance of becoming law on its own.

Mr Cohen needs government support. That

support ought to be readily forthcoming.

female rape, it is life imprisonment.

Met's example.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Closing the ranks behind Major

From Sir Peter Emery, MP for Honiton (Conservative) and others

Sir, There are a number of Conservative members of Parliament whose actions and statements undermine the position and the policy of the government and the standing of the prime minister. This plays directly into the hands of the Opposition and does Great Britain considerable damage, both in Europe and further abroad. We regret this most forcefully.

It is essential that this criticism must not go unanswered because it does not represent 90 per cent of Conservative members in Parliament, whose views in a democratic party should ensure full support for the prime minister. Positively we are of the opinion that we have in John Major the best person as prime minister of our country. The Conservative par-liamentary party will do well to reflect the level of support shown to Mr Major at the party conference and strengthen his leadership, which undoubtedly won the 1992 general election for the Conservative party.

Yours faithfully, PETER EMERY, ROBERT ADLEY, MICHAEL ALISON, MICHAEL ANCRAM, PETER BOTTOMLEY. A. BOWDEN, PAUL CHANNON, MICHAEL COLVIN, ANTHONY GRANT, MICHAEL GRYLLS, ROBERT HICKS.

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RICHARD PAGE, GEOFFREY PATTIE, TIM RENTON, GILES SHAW, JAMES SPICER, IAIN SPROAT, PETER TEMPLE-MORRIS, DONALD THOMPSON. NEVILLE TROTTER, RAY WHITNEY.

MARK WOLFSON, House of Commons. October 28

Leaks from the 1922

From Lord Boardman Sir, When I was a member of the

executive of the 1922 committee, some 20 years ago, advice and criticism from that executive were usually conveyed to and discussed privately with the prime minister or other minister relevant to the case raised. Neither the executive nor the members of the 1922 attending such meetings disclosed the proceedings to

the media; then, as today, notices of the meetings listed them as "Confi-dential" and "Secret". Leaks were, if possible, traced and censured. MPs will, of course, express their

own views on many subjects, but I wonder whether members of the executive might, in that capacity, show more restraint. They do not necessarily represent the majority of the 1922

I fear that the changes over the years may not be good for the Conservative party, the 1922 committee or a Conservative government.

Yours faithfully, BOARDMAN. House of Lords. October 26.

Council tax

From Dr David N. King

Sir, Mr Robin Squire (letter, October 23) explained why the Department of the Environment could not accept regional banding of property prices for the council tax. Such banding, he says, would mean that people in identical houses on opposite sides of a regional boundary would end up paying different amounts of tax for identical local services, a situation for which there is "no satisfactory answer".

If this situation is so unsatisfactory, why has his government allowed for different bands for England, Scotland and Wales, so that people on the English side of the borders will often pay very different amounts from people in identical houses on the Scottish and Welsh sides for identical

Yours etc., DAVID N. KING, University of Stirling, Department of Economics, Stirling FK9 4LA.

From Mr Bernard L. Baboulène

Sir, Mr Squire is still trotting out the canard of the "unfairness" of the rates to single-adult households when compared to multi-occupation of similar accommodation.

Presumably he thinks it fairer for.

say, four people — not necessarily earners, just people — squeezed into a cottage for economy to pay four times as much as the sole occupant of a 30-room mansion. A sole occupant usually wastes space by choice, and should not receive a discount for

commodity, house-room, of which the more you had the less you paid in relation to it. To the extent that the new council tax retains the per head element it perpetuates this absurdity, however mutedly. Under the rates any lodgers made a notional or actual

Yours faithfully, B. L. BABOULENE,

Perceived failings in BBC leadership

From Mr Michael Peacock

Sir. The chairman and vice-chairman of the BBC ask us to accept that all is well at Broadcasting House (letter. October 24): but recent events have made even those well disposed towards the corporation doubt that this can be so.

When the director general in effect tells the press that his chairman is not up to the job (report, October 21) this is seen as yet another symptom of a serious leadership vacuum at the top of the BBC and of a general malaise affecting both its governance and management

To give just two topical examples: earlier this year, the television service spent £20 million twice over by mistake (report, September 28) and harsh economies are in hand to recover the position. And LWT's Greg Dyke was right to chastise the BBC at the Royal Television Society sympo-sium on October 20 for paying £2.4 million for a Hollywood box office failure like Dick Tracy. In my experience the BBC frequently pays over the odds for its feature films. ITV has to earn its keep in a commercial market.

When feature-film packages costing tens of millions come before the BBC governors for approval their scrutiny can be only nominal. I know of at least one case where there were congratulations all round for the management's having "won" a deal at a record price when there was no one bidding against the BBC.

As I see it, the BBC is a series of interlocking command economies, over-centralised yet out of control, with swollen middle managements preoccupied with planning the allocation of resources and money, secure in the knowledge that the licence fee will always deliver the income. Predictably, the scope and size of the BBC's operations increase year by year as the system seeks to grow in order to justify itself: hence BBC world television and BBC world news; hence the plan for a radio news service in place of Radio 4 long wave.

Previous ministers decided against appointing a committee to review the future of the BBC, feeling that broadcasting was too important to be left to a committee. However, the recent restructuring of ITV directed from Downing Street and the Home Office was disastrous. The future of the BBC is a very sensitive issue and I hope Mr Peter Brooke, national heritage secretary, will take a different view.

I suggest there is a strong case for a full and open enquiry by a properly qualified committee into all aspects of the BBC's purposes and activities, in order to give a sound and informed basis for decisions on the renewal of the BBC's royal charter.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL PEACOCK (Controller, BBC 1, 1965-7), Chairman, Unique Broadcasting Co., 21 Woodlands Road, Barnes, SW13. October 26.

Studio closure

From Ms Juliet Ace and others

Sir, In 1986 the BBC invested nearly £1 million in its music and radio drama studio, Christchurch, Bristol. The BBC now proposes to close it, as yet another of its short-sighted economic policies (report, September 19).

The studio has fostered many prizewinning writers and has a special place in the culture of the South West, an area which Michael Checkland and his accountants seem to consider unworthy of their limited beneficence. The region's writers, actors and directors as well as its theatres, universities and drama schools all contribute directly to the work of the studio, which nurtures their work in return. BBC radio drama is the best in the world. This studio is arguably the best in the world for producing drama. We deplore the decision to destroy it and shift staff to an inadequate studio in Birmingham. We urge the governors

and their appointees to change their

Yours faithfully. JULIET ACE, ALAN AYCKBOURN, DAVID CREGAN, PETER TERSON. JONATHAN SMITH PETER TINNISWOOD. 28 Randolph Street,

relieve road congestion in east Lon-

don. That is why leaders of the councils of Greenwich, Lewisham, New-

are jointly appealing for completion.

be interested merely in bailing out "the owners in Docklands of specu-

lative projects which should never have been started". Labour or Liberal

Democrat, they want to help their residents. And they want the Jubilee

16 Upstall Street, Camberwell, SE5.

None of these politicians is likely to

Camden Town, NW1.

October 27.

Jubilee line

From Mr Osman Streater

Sir, Where Mr Wyndham Thomas (letter, October 27) asserts that "London Underground's far more urgent need is for investment in the system as it is", he is quite simply wrong — as all of us in south London would confirm.

London Underground's coverage of London is not complete. North Londoners have a choice of five eastwest tube lines; south Londoners have

The Jubilee line would also greatly

Letting down lightly

From Mr Lionel Briggs

Sir, Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, said (Valerie Grove interview, October 16) that 'Middle Englanders" wanted safety for property and person, yet "may be content to break the law" in some instances, including certain motoring

In my view the middle classes are not prepared to overlook death or serious injury caused to a third party by drunken or reckless driving, driving without insurance, MOT certificate or Excise licence, taking and driving away a motor vehicle, or inconsiderate parking. But I see no point in pursuing most other offences where the police commitment in time

and expense may be substantial.

I write as a chartered insurer who has dealt with many serious motor claims over the past 30 years, and I am satisfied that the limitation I suggest would be adequate to deal with all serious matters arising out of the use of a motor vehicle on the road.

Yours faithfully, LIONEL BRIGGS.

19 Highlands Road, Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Health centres

line for that reason.

OSMAN STREATER.

From Dr Sarah Matthews

Sir, I note with interest your article (October 23) on a unique health centre offering a "vision for the future". Until the 1970s, equivalent centres existed fulfilling almost all the functions you describe, such as day services for local people to see occupational therapists, physiotherapists and chiropodists, and also providing GP

respite and non-urgent care.

They were often staffed by nurses or GPs only and were called cottage hospitals. They served the local community well and it caused great distress when replanning of health care in the 1970s found them uneconomic, so that their functions were moved to larger, more impersonal hospitals. It is ironic, indeed, that their worth

is only now being reconsidered when many could have been kept open economically, and greater involvement in primary care easily added. It is typical of the NHS that forward planning only seems to last ten years.

Yours faithfully, SARAH MATTHEWS. Oldchurch Hospital, Oldchurch Road, Romford, Essex.

Ties that bind

From Mr Gordon Douglas

Sir, I think that it was unforgivable of Mr Lee (letter, October 23) to accost a Japanese businessman wearing the tie of the Royal Marines. It is likely that a Japanese would regard such an approach as a gross insult, whatever his outward reaction. No doubt the tie had been pur

chased from a store, with no idea of its significance. Many stores display regimental ties with no reference to their origin

Yours faithfully, GORDON DOUGLAS. Warren Mill Cottage Belford, Northumberland.

From Mrs Eileen Stamers-Smith

Sir, I wonder which is the smallest group to wear a distinctive tie. My husband taught me that a tie should be both elegant and significant, and he wore his St John's Archery Club tie or his Ceylon Planters' Rifles tie with

In the 1960s, when the statutory male art masters and a couple of music masters in the otherwise female

staff of the Ladies' College, Cheltenham, began to be augmented by teachers of classics, mathematics and modern languages, the art master designed a rie for them to wear on formal college occasions, with a motif based on the tricycle that belonged to Miss Beale, headmistress at the turn of the century.

In those days, fewer than a dozen masters were eligible to wear this handsome tie; perhaps there are more members of this exclusive club now.

Yours sincerely, EILEEN STAMERS-SMITH, 8 Mayor Close, Old Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

From Dr K. A. Hillard Sir, I well remember a brief Goon

Show exchange. Moriarty meets Eccles: "Hello Eccles, I see you are wearing a Cambridge tie. What were you doing at Cambridge?"

"Buying a tie". Yours faithfully K. A. HILLARD, North Chase, Saltbox Road,

Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey.

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'Times' blueprint for UK recovery

From Sir Christopher Cockerell, FRS

Sir, Mary Ann Sieghart and Anatole Kaletsky ("A blueprint for Britain's future". October 22) and your leading article that day failed to identify what has to be done to get, long-term, our balance of payments out of the red. The stimulus to the economy which would result from the measures recommended by The Times may buy time at a cost, but will not prevent our continuing slow decline in the export

The fundamental problem is not short-term changes in our economy, but why the quality of our goods has fallen so that British people prefer foreign imports, and what steps to take to improve our designs so that they choose British goods. The following points seem relevant:

1. Why go into industry when people in industry rather than civil servants and others are laid off if there is a

2. The education of our engineers and scientists is so narrow that they are unfitted for positions of influence.

3. The engineering profession is the lowest paid of all the professions, with the result that industry can neither attract nor hold its share of bright young people.

4. In general it is not possible to earn a reasonable living as a designer in this

Inventors who produce the seed corn of prosperity cannot themselves make a proper living either.

6. The small wealth-producing section of our society has to pay for the inflation-proofed pensions enjoyed by many sections of the non-wealth

7. Since engineers receive such a narrow education, most do not become managing directors, board members and chairmen of engineering firms. The ones that do know nothing about design.

8. The educational system of this country splits us up into the arts and the sciences, so that nearly all of us are only half-educated and one side is unable to talk to the other.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER COCKERELL, 16 Prospect Place, Hythe, Southampton, Hampshire.

October 23. From Mr Peter V. Facey

Sir. You are right to identify late payment of bills as a major weakness. It allows large failing companies to transfer their failure to smaller wellmanaged firms. But your solution, of a statutory right to charge interest at penal rates, will not work.

Late payers usually claim that the contract has not been properly done. Small firms are frightened to annoy by linigation the clients upon whom they depend. If they cannot collect the sums owing, they will not be able to collect the interest either.

I suggest we should create a new offence of late payment and give the VAT inspectorate power to receive complaints in confidence. A few wellpublicised successful prosecutions would end this evil.

Yours faithfully, P. V. FACEY, 134 Sandyhurst Lane, Ashford, Kent.

From Mr Frank H. Dixon

Sir, Your "blueprint for Britain's future" omitted a key area which, at no cost to the Treasury, can have a profound effect on economic recovery. Recent changes in development control under the latest Town and Country Planning Act are hampering significant private-sector investment in major innovative schemes. In 1980, the Thatcher government introduced a positive presumption in favour of development and authorities were asked to pick out for priority handling applications which would contribute most to the national econ-

Over the past two years that situation has been seriously eroded. There is no longer a presumption in favour of development I have evidence that a number of British blue-chip industrial concerns have recently sought to provide purpose-built facilities nearer the centre of their markets to aid efficiency and protect jobs.

They have been prevented from doing so by current planning dogma. In some cases the secretary of state for the environment has over-ruled the positive recommendations of his own planning inspectorate.

Yours faithfully, F. H. DIXON, The Estate Office, Breach House. Cholsey, Oxfordshire.

From Mr R. L. Reece

Sir. Leaving aside the morality of money speculators, I propose Mr G. Soros ("The man who broke the Bank of England", October 26) be appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer. He seems to have a better understanding of international finance and economics than the present incumbent.

Yours faithfully, R. L. REECE. 16 Throwley Close, Pitsea, Essex.

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story simply will not be believed. Research studies find that roughly one male rape out of ten is reported to the police. EXIT, PURSUED BY NIKON Be grateful for an audience that is not throwing eggs A STATE OF THE STA Sir Alec Guinness has decided never to act in the West End again because he hates the blank faces of the uncomprehending tourists in the audience. One of the most subtle and elusive actors of this generation says: "I'd rather go to the provinces where they still speak English and not Japanese." The great man's decision is a matter for him. But for

Performances in semi-comprehended foreign languages are a part of the London theatre experience that is by no means confined to the Japanese. Examples range from Noh plays to almost everything that appears at the Royal Opera House. Norway's musical export, Which Witch, has had everything about it knocked by the critics. apart from the knees of the chorus girls, where God anticipated them: But if it were played in Norwegian, and performed ar Covent Garden, we should safely predict a thundering success. It is snobbery to assume that Japanese tourists are less quick at picking up the muances of an alien culture than Londoners.

In any case, since they first strutted the

boards, actors have grumbled about the

deficiencies of their audience. Their ideal

audience is intelligent, with a quick wit,

educated, and a bit drunk, with hands like

dustbin lids and laughter like a clap of

high emotion. But it has never existed.

once he misunderstands his theatre. dear Queen."

Those that live to please must please to includes fish of all kinds from sardines to thunder, and a sudden hush for moments of

The history of the theatre is thickly glossed with uncomprehending audiences, from Hamlet declaring that the groundlings of his time were capable of understanding nothing but dumb shows and noise, to Sarah Bernhardt's termagant performance of Cleopatra in Victorian London. That was when an elderly member of her audience said to her companion: "How different, how very different from the home life of our own

The problem of Japanese audiences goes back to the beginning of theatre. When Aristophanes put on his Clouds in 423 BC, the theatre was packed with foreign tourists because of the festival. They did not recognise the mask worn by the actor impersonating Socrates, and there was a hubbub of questions in the contemporary equivalent to Japanese. Socrates, who was sitting in the front, stood up, and remained standing for the rest of the performance.

live, and be grateful for burns of all kinds on seats in these hard times, when many theatres in the West End are either dark or dim with banality. After royal pageantry and heritage history, the theatre is the biggest attraction that brings tourists to London. Performing artists must perform, as they have always had to, for an audience that whales and even tempura.

doing so. In the poll tax our free-market gurus artificially created a novel

contribution to them.

10 Richmond Avenue, SW20.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 28: The Queen held a Council at 11.40am.

There were present the Rt Hon Antony Newton, MP (Lord President), the Rt Hon John Patten. MP (Secretary of State for Education), the Ri Hon Virginia Bottomley. MP (Secretary of State for Health), the Rt Hon Nicholas Scott, MP (Minister of State, Social Security), the Rt Hon Bikenibeu Paeniu, the Rt Hon Robert Boscawen, the Rt Hon Sir Leonard Hoffman (Lord Justice of Appeal), and the Rt Hon Sir Anthony Evans (Lord Justice of

Appeal).
The Rt Hon Bikeniben Paeniu. the Rt Hon Robert Boscawen, the Rt Hon Sir Leonard Hoffmann, and the Rt Hon Sir Anthony Evans, having been previously appointed Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, took the necessary oaths. Sir Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council The Rt Hon Antony Newton.

MP, had an audience of The Queen before the Council. His Excellency Professor Sergui Komisarenko was received in audience by Her Majesty and pre-sented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Ukraine to

the Court of St. James's. His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Dr Mikhailo Bilooussov (Minister Counsellor). and Mr Igor Loguinov (First

Mrs Komisarenko was also received by The Queen. Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)
was present and the Household in

Waiting were in attendance. General Sir David Ramsbotham was received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Representative Colonel Commandant of the Royal Green Jackets, and General Sir Edward Jones on assuming the

The Queen received the Leaders of the Visegrad Group visiting London for the European Community Presidency talks.

The Rt Hon John Major, MP (President of the European Council) and Monsieur Jacques Delors (President of the European Comnission) were present.

Her Majesty, Patron, Queen Mary and Westfield College, this afternoon visited the College, opened the new Arts Building and Library Extension, and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen was received by the

Mayor of Tower Hamlets (Councillor Kofi Appiah), the Chairman of the Council of the College (Mr Martin Harris), and the Principal

Lady Abel Smith, Mr Robin Janvrin, and Major James Patrick The Rt Hon John Major, MP

the Treasury had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award General Council in Sheffield today.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Member, the Company of Cutters in Hallamshire, this evening attended the Hallamshire Feast Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF, was in attendance. By command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington, Baroness in Waiting, was present at Heath-row Airport, London, this morning upon the Departure of The Duke of Kent for the United States of

Royal Highness on behalf of Her lajesty. By command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington, Baroness in waiting, was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Departure of The Duchess of Kent for Austria, and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness on

America, and bade farewell to His

behalf of Her Majesty. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** October 28: The Prince Edward, Trustee, today attended the General Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the Cru-

cible Theatre, Sheffield.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire Mrs, Richard Warburton was in

KENSINGTON PALACE October 28: The Prince of Wales today visited Manchester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Man-chester (Colonel John Timmins). His Royal Highness this morning visited HMS Bronington.

Quay West, Trafford Park, Trafford. The Prince of Wales, President Business in the Community, sub-sequently attended an Education Conference on Opportunities

through Partnership at Salford College of Further Education, Trafford Road, Ordsall, Salford. His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust and The Prince's Youth Business Trust, this afternoon met volunteers and grant recipients at Ordsall Library.

The Prince of Wales afterwards visited the "Provision" Warehouse at Hays Distribution. Barton Dock Road, Trafford Park, Trafford. Finally, His Royal Highness, President, the Royal College of General Practitioners, visited the Manchester Research Unit. Didsbury Unit, Manchester.

Mr Peter Westmacott and Lieutenant Command Robert Fraser, RN, were in attendance. His Royal Highness this evening inaugurated The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture at Regent's Park, London, NW L Mr Peter Westmacott was in

Finally. His Royal Highness, Patron, Royal Society for Nature Conservation, attended a Gala Dinner for the Society's Eightieth Anniversary at the Banqueting House, Whitehall Palace, London SW1.

Appointments

Memorial Mass

Harries. Others present included:
Lady Deviin wildow, the Hon Timothy
and Mrs Devilin and the Hon Manhew
and Mrs Devilin isons and daughter-inlaw, Lord Justice and the Hon Lady
Kennedy ison and daughter-in-law, the
Hon Mrs Gilpatrick Devilin (langhterlaw), Mr Benedick Devilin, Mrs
Christopher Rennedy, bdiss Brigid
Kenrady, Miss Maddalena Devilin, Mr
Christopher Devilin, Mrs
Hon Mrs
Allstafr Campbell, Mr Alan
Bordoley, Mrs Gordon Maciean, Mr
Roderick Maciean, Mr and Mrs Francis
Harnel.

Lord Devlin

Commander Richard Avlard. RN, was in attendance. The Princess of Wales, Patron. National Aids Trust, this morning attended a Conference. "Women. Aids, and Social Change" at the Commonwealth Institute, Ken-sington High Street, London W8.

Cantain Edward Musto, RM,

KENSINGTON PALACE

was in attendance.

October 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colo-nel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, this afternoon received Colonel Valerie Smith on relinquishing her appointment as Colonel Com-mandant of the Corps, and Colonel Diana Anderson on assuming this appoinment

Her Royal Highness. Grand President. St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, this evening attended the "Gift Of Sight" Musical Evening at St James's Palace, in aid of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital in

Mrs Robin Benson was

The Duke of Gloucester. Honorary Colonel, the Royal Mon-mouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), today visited the Regi-ment's Annual Camp at Longmore Training Camp. Longmoor, Hampshire.

Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 28: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, this morning opened The Duchess of Kent House, Dellwood Hospital, Reading, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Berk-shire (Mr John Henderson). Mrs Colin Marsh was in

The Duke of Kent, Patron of the American Air Museum in Britain Campaign, this morning left Heathrow Airport, London, for Los Angeles. Commander Roger

RN, is in amendance. The Duchess of Kent this evening left Heathrow Airport, London, to attend the Touch of Britain" trade promotion at the Hilton Hotel, Vienna. Mrs Julian Tomkins is in attendance.

Royal Academy of Engineering

Mr B.W. Manley, FEng, Vice-President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at a forum and dinner held yesterday at the Royal Aeronautical Society to dis-Royal Aeronautical Society to dis-cuss "Salety Related Systems in Nuclear Applications".

Church news

Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral (London). The Rev Peter Marshall, vicar, All Saints, likiey: to be also rural dean of Otley (Bradford).
The Rev Graham Presson, priest-in-charge, St Hilda, Crofton Park to be vicar. St Hilda, Crofton Park the Rev Colin Burgess, Chaplain to Holloway Prison: to be also a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral

Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral (London).

The Rev Citive Buriand, Assistant Curate. St Mary, Cowes and Ali Saints. Gurnard: to be Vicar. All Saints. Gurnard: isle of Wight (Poitsmouth).

The Rev Ann Burr, non-stipendlary Assistant Curate. Holy Trinky and St Columba. Farehasts to be also Chaplain in the Portsmouth Hospitals Chaplaintry Team (Portsmouth). The Rev Cunon Francis Doe aheady appointed a Canon Emeritus of Chichester Cathedral (Chichester). The Rev Eric Dore, Curate (NSM). Bishop Haminigon, Howe to be Assistant Curate. Burgess Hill. St Andrew (Chichester). The Rev Peter Ellmore. Assistant Chaplain. St Mary's Hospital. Portsmouth: to be Chaplain in the Portsmouth Hospitals Chaplaincy Team (Portsmouth). The Rev Giles Gailey: to continue as Rural Dean of Easingwold (York) for a further period of five years.

The Rev Ted Goodyer, Chaplain, St Andrew's College, Grahamstown (South Africa): to be Rector, St Mary, Averstoke, Gosport (Portsmouth). Southwark. The Rev Judith Roberts hon parish deacon, St Clement and St James, Notting Hill (London): to be hon parish deacon, St Michael and All James Roberts (See Reviewark) Angels, Barnes (Southward).
The Ri Rev Michael Whitney, assistant bishop, diocese Birmingham: to be canon residentiary of Birmingham Cathedral. Cathedral.
The Rev Arthur Wison, vicar, Sidrwith, Ouseby. Melmerby and Kirkland (Carlisle): no be assistant oriest. St John's, Menston, and half-dimechapiain at High Royds Hospital. Menston (Bradford).
The Rev Keith Anderson. Vicar. Northampton Holy Sepulcitie w St Andrew and St Lawrence to be also Rural Dean of Northampton (Peterborough).

Rural Dean of Northampton (Peterborough).

The Rev Canon Christopher Barber,
Rector, Comenham: to be vicar.

Terrington St. John w Tilney All Salms
and Tilney St. Lawrence (Ely).

The Rev Charles Blankership, Parish
Priest, St. Mary the Virgin, Welling to
be vicar St. Mary the Virgin, Welling to
Southwarth. Alversions, Gosport (Portsmouth).
The Rev Thomas Hopperton, Priest-trange, St Katharthe w St Barnabas, Rotherhithe and St Barnbolomew, South Bermondsey, to be Vicar, new parish of St Katharthe and St Bartholomew. South Bermondsey Science of the state of the sta

Today's royal

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr J. Vallance White at a memorial Mass for Lord Devlin held yesterday at St James's. Spanish Place Father Bede Bailey. OP, was the celebrant and the Hon Gilpatrick Devlin, son, read the lesson. The Right Rev Frederick Miles, Father Michael O'Halloran. SJ, Rector of Stonyhurst, Father Michael House and Father Michael Reynolds were robed and in the sanctuary. The Cardinal Archbishop of concert at Brompton Oratory at 7.40 in aid of the London Oratory Westminster was represented by Mr Patrick Victory and the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire by Mr R.P. Harries. Others present included: Appeal.

Prince Edward will attend a concert given by the City of Birmingham Symphony Or-chestra at the Birmingham Symphony Hall at 7.30. The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the British Consultants

Bureau, will attend the annual meeting at the RAF Club at 10.55.

Grestiam College The German Ambassador was the guest of honour at a dinner given last night at Gresham College by

Roderick Maclean. Mr and Mrs Francis Harrel.

The Earl and Countess of Perth. Lady Wilberforce. Lord Shawcross, QC. Lord Rawlinson of Ewell. QC (also representing the Master and Peliows. Christs College. Cambridges, Lord Ferkins of Hillhead, Lord Hutchlasson of Lullington. QC. Sir Patrick O'Conhor, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Mrs Douglas Woodruff, the Hon Robin and Mrs Warrender, Dame Ruth King, Lady Logan. Dame Veronica Wedgwood. OM. Lady Brooke. Lady Hogan. Mr Instice Waterhouse. Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC.

Fudge and Mrs Rivfin. His Hon A E Holdsworth. QC. (Cambridge Union Society, Mr J I Rowe (representing the Chalirman of the Barl, Mr Richard Stone. QC threasurer, Grays Lim) with Mr David Machin (under treasurer and Canon Eric Lames Operather). Professor S M Creiney, QC (British Academy), Mr Fallip Owen. QC. Mr Cambrery, Mr S Kentridge, QC. and Mrs Kentridge, Mr S Kentridge, QC. and Mrs Kentridge, Mr S Kentridge, QC. And Antheiry Goldstanb, QC. Mr Antheiry Goldstanb, QC. Mr Antheiry Goldstanb, QC. Mr Cand Barling, QC. Mr Raiph Gilmore and Miss Carol Ellis, QC.

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Mrs. Lodovic Kennedy, Mr. Kenneth Morgan, Mr. Mary Berlins, Mr. Ned Sherrin, Mrs. May Parry Evans, Mrs. John Carleton and Miss J. Hope-Wallace. Guinea).
The Rev April Richards, Assistant
Curate (NSM), All Saints, East Meon w
St John, Langrish: to be also Chaplain
in the Portsmouth Hospitals
Chaplaincy Team (Portsmouth). Chapiain. Queen Alexandra's Hospini (Porsmouth; to be Chapiain in the Portsmouth Hospitals Chapiaincy Team, same diocese.

Poynings w Edburton, Newtimber and Pyecomber to be Priesi-in-charge. Sullington and Theicham w Warminghrust (Chichester). The Rev Richard Jones, Rector, St Mary's, Acton: to be also a Prebendary of St Paul's Cambedral (London). The Rev Nicholas (Ravanagh, Curate, St Mary, Pinilico (London): to be Deputy Vicar, Brighton St Peter and St Nicholas w the Chapel Royal (Chichester). The Rev Canon Peter Lock, Vicz. Boly Trinity, Dertford: to be Vicar, St Peter and St Paul, Bromley (Rochester). The Rev Eddle Manns, Assistant Curate, St Michael and Angels. Paulsgrove: to be also Chaplain in the Portsmouth Hospitals Chaplaincy Team (Portsmouth).

Team (Fortsmouth).
The Rev Roger Mason, Vicar.
Printlewell, St Many w Westellift-on-Sea.
St Faul: to be also Priest-in-charge.
Frittlewell St Stephen (Chelmastord).
The Rev Peter Pytches, Vicar, Jesus
Church, Forty Hill: to be also a
Prebendany of St Paul's Cathedral
(London).

The Rev Peter Ramsden, Priest-in-charge, Micklefield (York: It) be Rector, St Francis, Goroka (Papua New Guinea).

engagements The Queen will hold an investiture ar Buckingham Palace at 11.00.
The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, will attend the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme general council at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, at 10.15. Prince Edward, trustee, will also attend. The Prince of Wales, as Patron of Project Darc correct Star Territorial Army Everest expedition, will give a reception at Kensington Palace at 5.55; and will attend a

Dinners

Mr D.N. Vermont, chairman of the council, after the ambassador had delivered the Gresham Spe-cial Lecture at St Andrew's, Holborn. Miss Moira Black presided at a dinner held last night at the Hyatt

Cariton Tower. The guest speaker was Miss Katharine Whitehorn, Vice President of the Patient's Association and of the Open Section. Royal Society of Medi-

assigned to the northern circuit.

Mr Wilkinson to the south eastern.

Appointments Mr Christopher Bruce Tellow and Mr Simon Rennie Wilkinson to be circuit judges, Mr Tetlow

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, chemical physicist, 64; Sir Derek Bradbeer, former president, Law Society, 61; the Most Rev Joseph Cassidy, Archbishop of Tuam, 59; Miss Susie Cooper, pottery designer, 90; Mr George Davies, former chief executive, Next, 51; Mr Pichard Dreufuss actor, 45; Mr Richard Dreyfuss, actor, 45: Mr Vivian Ellis, president. Performing Right correct Society. 88: Admiral Sir Derek Empson, 74; Lady France, headmistress, City of London School for Girls. 57; Sir William Gladstone, Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd, 67; Mr Robert Hardy, actor, 67; Sir Edward Howard, former Lord Mayor of London, 77; Mr Michmayor of romain, 77; Mr Maria ael Jayston, actor, 57; Sir Philip Oppenheimer, chairman, The Di-amond Trading Company, 81; Mr Jack Shepherd, actor and director, 52; Mr Jon correct Vickers, opera singer, 66; Mr Galen Weston, vice-chairman, Formum and Mason, 52.

Luncheon

Newspaper Conference Mr John Patten, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was the guest of honour and speaker at a Newspaper Conference kuncheon held yesterday at the Newspaper Society. Mr Mark Barrington oresided.

Anti-Slavery Award

Cardinal Basil Hume vesterday presented the 1992 Anti-Slavery Medal to Father Ricardo Rezende Figueira, parish priest of Rio Maria, Brazil, in recognition of his fight against slavery in Amazonia.

The Ambassadors of Brazil and France, the High Commissioners for Amigoa. Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados, the Bari and Countess of Listowel, Lord and Lady Wilbertorce. Mr John Battle, MP, Bishop Guszelli, Mr Tongali Norman, Mr Michael Hantis, OBE, (chaimman), and Miss Lexicy Roberts (director, Ami-Slavery international).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P.R. Noben and Miss C. Lim

Lim. of Singapore. Mr M.S. Phillips and Miss J.P. Saxton

and Mrs L.E. Quesada

Dell, of California.

Mr C.J.R. Walker

and Miss N.A. Areas

Mr R.I. Warburton

Australia.

Marriage

Mr E.N. Banton

and Miss F.H. Shaw

and Miss N. Zabawi

Mr P.D. Symons and Miss H.E. Sabin

Sussex Mr M.V. Sones

The engagement is announced

between Jeremy, elder son of Mrs

Sheila Nolan, of Gotham, Nothinghamshire and the late Mr

Charles Nolan, and Clarissa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ernest

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Dr and

Mrs Neil Phillips, of Strensham,

Worcestershire, and Josie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Saxton, of Chichester, West

The engagement is announced between Michael Vivian, son of the

late William Sones and of Mrs

Marguerite Bourne Sones, of

Lancing, West Sussex, and Lois Elaine, younger daughter of Mr Cecil Dell and Mrs Wilhelmina

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Mr Michael Symons and of Mrs

Benier Symons, of Wargrave, Berishire, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Sabin, of Rodmersham, Kent.

The engagement is announced between Christopher James

Robert Walker, of London, W9. and Nicola Anne Amas, of

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Arthur and

Hilary Warburton, of Little

Compton, Gloucestershire and

Red Hill, Victoria, Australia, and

Nadia, only daughter of Zameal and Lisbeth Zahawi, of Brisbane,

The mannage nook place on Sat-urday, October 24, 1992, in Dorchester Abbey, Oxfordshire, of Mr Edward Bixton, elder son of

Mr and Mrs Mark Buston, of

Devon, to Miss Fiona Shaw, elder

daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas

Shaw, of Moray. The Rev John Crowe officiated.

by her father and was attended by Miss Natasha Sandilands, Alexan-

dra and Katherine Warner, Alice

Bray, Daisy Crutchley and James Gordon Black. Mr Terence

The reception was held at Baldon House, Marsh Baldon,

and the honeymoon will be spent

executed, London, 1618: John

Buxton was best man.

The bride was given in marriage

Mr S.R. Barker and Miss K. Wicks

The engagement is announced between Shane, elder son of Mr and Mrs Terence Barker, of Laxifield, Suffolk, and Kimberley, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Benjamin Wicks, of Toronto,

Mr J.R.F. Commit and Miss K.B. Davies

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.C.E. Compton. of Udimore, East Sussex, and Kate, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.N. Davies, of Shinde Island, Mann, Botswana and Blackheath,

Mr R.N. Denny and Miss S.J. Blackman

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late between Robert, son of the late Henry Denny and of Mis Christine Peall, of Cullompton, Devon, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Blackman, of West Hoathly, West Sussex.

Mr M.D. Downer and Miss S.J.L. Shaw

The engagement is announced between Martyn, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alan Downer, of Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire, and Samantha, elder daughter of Mrs Nicholas Shaw and stepdaughter of Mr Nicholas Shaw, of Warfield,

Dr L.N. Gould and Dr I.S. Bleehen

The engagement is announced between Lawrence, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Allen Gould, of or and Mis Anen Count of Stammore, Middlesex, and Isobel, daughter of Professor and Mis Stanley Bleehen, of Rammoor, Sheffield.

Mr J.R. Grant and Mrs GA. Bateman

The engagement is announced between Mr John R. Grant, of Chipstead, Surrey, and Mrs. Gillian A. Bateman, of Beckenham, Kem.

Mr P.H.C.T. Isolani-Suyth and Miss T.P.L. Hufbert-Powell The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr C.T. Isolam, CBE, LVO, and of Mrs Isolani, of Pont Street, London, and Teresa, youngest daughter of the late Mr Evelyn Hulbert-Powell and of the Hon Mrs Hulbert-Powell, of Mayfield, East Sussex.

Mr J.S. Middleton and Miss S.E.J. Railton Edwa

The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Middleton, of Cambridge, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Railton Edwards, of the Isle of Mull, Argyil

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Boswell, biographer, Edinburgh, 1740; Wilfred Roodes, Yorkshire and England crickver. Kirkheaton, Yorkshire. 1877; Jean Girandoux, dramatist. Service Bellac, France, 1882; Fanny Brice, neural, France, 1882; Famy Store, actress and singer, New York, 1891; Josef Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, Rheydt, Rhineland, 1897. DEATHS: Sir Walter Raleigh, courtier, adventurer and writer,

Braine, novelist, London, 1986; Pietro Annigoni, painter, Florence, 1988.

The Very Rev John Wild A service of thanksgiving for the Very Rev John Wild, DD, will take place in Durhaur Cathedral, at Evensong, on Sunday, November 15, at 3.30pm.

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They came and stid, 'Teacher, we know you are a sincere man and court no-one's favour, whoever no one's favour, whoever he may be; you teach in all sincerity the way of life that God requires'. St. Mark 12: 14

BIRTHS

SOTTERILL - On October 16th. to Tricia take Micholson) and Alan, a son, lain Charles Jarnes. SUILLOCK - On October 24th. to Juliet unke Gordon) and Gareth. a son. Caspar-Luciano Gordon, a involher for Joshus and Marcus. CHALWRIN - On October 26th. to Tessa and Sipon, a son. Peter John Francis. CLARK - On October 20th at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Jame and Cerald, a son, Russell John, DEAN - On October 19th, to Angela and James.
daughter, Imogen Tara.
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DE SAUSMAREZ On October 27th, to James and Geraldine tree Street, a son. George Havilland Roy a brother for Jestica. DUCKHAM On October 27th, to Debble (née Grove) and Paul, a daughter, a sister for Phility and Any. GRAHAM-MOON On Wednesday October 21st, to Rupert and Denise, a son. Arithur Skiney, a brother for Tassy.

Tensy. HAGGLOF - On October 24th. at the Humana Hospital Wellington to Andrea and Class, a son. Tom Alexander.

HUTCHINGS - Sunday 25 October 1992 to Mertin and Carolyn (born Jackson) a son Jolyon: 3.5 kg 0420 hours. MARTIN - On October 23rd at the Humann Homelthi the Himana Hospital Wellington, to Martina and Andry, a son. Luke Andrew. 1908PETH - On October 17th. to Angela (née Devitt) and Jaine Stutherford Thomas. a brother for Richard, Duncan and Catherine.

MURR - On October 17th at St Thomas's Hospital, to Jo and Julian, a son, Barnaby Edward Harditon, a ne brother for Othyle

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard TOTTY a. A multiple Tote bet

c. The 5p coin **EXCURSIVE** b. A sphere's external c. A tour guide CATASTASIS

a. Preceding the final act

c. Setting of a broken VAGITATE To travel or spander To rust in idleness Answers on page 23

POWELL - On October 27th at Queen Charlotle's Hospital. to Nicky (née Jacisson) and Chris. a son. Henry lain. a brother for Matthew. BOWLEY - On October 22nd. In Paima, Mallorca, to Beverley and Netl. a daughter. Faith Patricia, a sister for Sophie. RUSSELL - On October 27th. at The Rosie, Cambridge, to Hilary (née Chaplin) and William, a son. Edward John Bowater. SOAMES - On October 26th. to Vella (née Bavetta) and Martin, a sop, Mark Francis.

BIRTHS

TASHRO - On October 24th, at the Humana Hospital Weilington, to Shigeki and Abuko. a son. Kazuya 28th in Hong Kong to Caroline (nee Lloyd Jones) and Marc, a daughter, Emily Mary Christiane.

VAN OSS - On October 27th, to Sarah (née Brownjow) and Thomas, a daughter, Emma Elisabeth, a sister for Rachel

DEATHS

ADNITT - On October 28th 1992 peacefully after a short libress John Chesterlon Adnitt of Little Mariow. Buckinghamshire, beloved husband of Margaret, Loving father of Jonethan, Nicholian and Lucy and much loved brother of Christine. Requiem Mass at St Peter's Church. Mariow, at 11.50 am Tuesday November 3rd 1992 followed by burial.

ARBITER - On October 19th, Reginald, suddenly at home, aged 76. Cremation at 1 pm today at Homor Oak Crematorium, Peckham Rye. Donations it desired to Cancer Research Fund. Loved and sadly missed atways by his family.

BURRELL - On October 27th 1992, peacefully. Jacqueum. beloved wife of the late Roy. and Michael and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mery's Church, Yedcaster at S pen on November 2nd. Family Rowers only, Docations, it wished, to St Leonard's Hospice. 185 Tadcaster Road. York YOZ 2QL.

CHESHIRE - On October 25th 1992. peacefully. David Alexander, much loved by his family and friends. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematerium on Wednesday

DEATHS

WELTON - On October 8th, at St George's Hospital. Tooting to Lisa tree Hamilton-Price) and Stephen, a daughter, Alice, a sister for William.

dearty loved mother of Colin and Michael and much loved

Crematorium on Wednesday Novamber 4th 1992 at 12 Novamber 4th 1992 at 12 English to Diffiction Funeral Service. 191 South Farm Road. Worthing, leiephone: (1990) 200835.

DENT - On October 23rd 1992
E.H. (Stella). younger
daughter of Henry George
and Bertta Jamet of Brigg.
Lincs and Walford. Herts. In
the 86th year of her age.
Cremation at West Herts
Cremation. Garsion, at

de VILLIERS - On Octobe de VILLIERS - On October 24th 1992, at Freeland Nursing Home, Oxford. Evanseline (née Evans), widow of Sir Nicolas de Villiers, sometime Fellow of Sometriffe College, Funeral Service at Becides Church on Weshesday November 4th at 2.30 pm. Flowers in Edward Curter (FD. 107 South Avenue, Abirgdon, OX14 1QS.

EFSLER - On October 26th, died suddenly, Paul, Eminent Inventor aged 85, deeply mourned by Dr. and Mrs S. Jacobson, Dr. D.M. and Mrs R. Jacobson, Josepha and Michael, and Ors, B. and K. Odell and Olivia. Funeral Colders Green Crematorium Sunday November Sh at 10.30 am.

FRANKL - On October 23rd in

CLARKE - On October 28th 1992. peacefully at home. Douglas Archibaid Clarke LL.B. F.C.A. aged 88 years. loving husband of the last Marjorie, much loved father of Alison. Bridget and Martin, dear grandfather of Jane and Pensione and fond Martin, dear grundfather of Jame and Penelope and fond great-grandfather of James and Rory, fortnerly Senior Partner of Pannell Kerr Forster and Past-Master of the Loriners Company. Furneral for family and close friends at Hoty Cross. Bignor. Petworth, Sussex. on Thursday November 5th at 12 hoon. Family flowers only or donations, if desired, for Whitigifitian Benevolent Society to be sent to J.H. Kenyon Lid., 85 Westbourne Grove, W2 4JL. Memorial Service to be amounted.

FAIRBANKS - On October 28th, peacefully, irwin de Courcy of Hayting Island, in hospital after a long liness. Darking trother of Joseph, May and Jim ISouth Africa) and brother-in-law of Dorothy and Edule, also nephews and neces England and Carneda, Funeral Service at St Marry's Church, Hayling Island on Tuesday November 3rd at 29th, followers only remaition at Chichester at 39th, Family flowers only but donestions if desired may be sent to Grady's Funeral Directors, 25 Mengham Road, Hayling kigad, Harupshire, in respect of the Multiple Scierosis Society.

RRANKI. - On October 23rd in Cambridge, Carmen Wilson Hough Frenkl, aged 79 years, Wife of Ernest, mother of Gliver. Clark and the late Cop. grandmother to Prillippa. Alexander and Sam. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematothum on Tuesday November 3rd at 3pm. Flowers may be send to Welman's Funeral Service. Abbey Walk. Cambridge or if preferred donations made to The Sue Ryder Foundation. The Old Palace. Ety. Cambridge.

DEATHS

GOONESEKERA - On October 23rd, peacefully in Bromley Hospital, Charles Leonard, husband of the lake Bridget, Funeral Service will be held at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, Strentham Vale, on Thursday, October 28th at Crematorium, Rowan Road, Strenham Vale, on Thursday October 29th at 5pm. All flowers and enquiries to J.E. Giliman & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors, 971 Garratt Lane, Tooting, SW17, (081) 672-1557. HARGREAVES - On October

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Somerset, aged 95. Eldest
and only surviving child of
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peacetolly, aged 83. Vicar of Dovercourt. 19-93-1976. Beloved husband of the late Elleen Johnson, much loved father of Timothey, Martin, Susan, Nicholas and Charles. Fumeral at All Salints Crurch. Dovercourt, Essex, at 11-am on Friday October 30th. Family Bowers only. Domalots if desired to Children in Touch. Fumeral Directors, H. Smith & Co. (0288) 240076. KEMP - On October 26th 1992, studenty at home in Donhead St Mary, after 11 years of pake, Romald Manfred Calbert Kemp, for nearly 50 years the dearly loved and loving husband of Kathieen, lather of Jonathan and grandfather of Emthe. Katharthe and Thomas, Private funeral, no letters thank year.

KENNARD - On October 28th schimand - On October 28th 1992. suddenly but very peacethily at home in Stration-Sub-Casile. Dr. William Harborw Kennard M.A.. M.B., F.R.C.Patth. D.M.J. Dearly loved and loving husband of Jean and much loved and wonderfor father of John and Philippa and grand-pa of Nick. Hugh and James. Private family cremation. Tagnitograph Service for his life later. No flowers but domains to Service for his are later. No flowers but domations to R.N.L.I. c/o L.N. Newman Ltd. Funeral Directors. Critim House. 55 Winchester Street. Salisbury. Willshire.

MEADOWS - On October 27th, suddenly, impert Benl, aged 87 years, of The Royal Bank of Scotland (and Cityn Mile). Funeral at West Norwood Cametery. SE27. Wednesday November 4th at 11.30 am. No flowers pisase, donations if desired c/o B. Matthews Funeral Directors. 142 Portsmouth Road. Woolston. Southampton. SO2 9AP, in aid of the Children of Great Ormond Street Hospital. London.

MARTIN-WILSON - On October 27th, aged 92, peacefully at home in Shrewsbury, Hubert Martin-Wilson C.B.E., formerly Secretary for Education for Shropshire, couched in love, devotion and Mozari. A brilliant eccentric wit, who was admired and loved by his daughter Kale and both his late wife tha Wilson M.B.E. and son Andrew. Cremation at Shrewsbury Crematerium on Wednesday November 4th at 4 pm. Flowers or donations for the Shropshire Hospice. If desired, to W. Pugh & Son.

Flowers or donations for the Shrophitre Hospice. If desired, to W. Pogh & Son. 133 Longdam Coleham. Strewsbury. A Memorial Service will be arranged. Will. S. On Thursday October 22nd 1992. Veronica Elicen (Aggle) after a courageous struggle against failing health. Moch loved and loving grandmother. roother-in-law, mother of Christopher and Peter Hodsoff and widow of Donald Mills. Will be greatly missed by family and friends. Private fumeral. No flowers thank you. Donations if desired to greatly missed by family and friends. Private fumeral. No flowers thank you. Donations if desired to Arthritis Research Council C/o J.H. Kenyon Funeral Directors, 74 Rochester Row. London SWIP LJU. MiCHOLSOM - On Wednesday October 28th 1992, Theo, aged 86 years, beloved husband of Theirns and father of Elizabeth, David and John Funeral Service at S. Peter's Chycch, Detamere, Cheshire, at 2 pm of Monday November 2nd, folicoved by private cremation. No flowers please but dynamics if degired to Stroke Association, CHSA House, Whitecroes Sireet, London ECLY SIJ. NOWAK - On October 26th

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peacetony, or Sanoth, formerly of Newton Heath. Manchester, Maurice aged 87 years. Hon. Sec. of the Manchester Camoe Crub and Commodore of Agecroff Rowing Club. Lowed uncle of Alan and Ann. He will be sadily missed by all his family and friends. Service at All Satols. Church. Newton Heath on Tuesday November and at 12.30 pm prior to committed at Elacidey Crematorium at 1.30 pm. No flowers by request Enquiries to Carriages Funeral Service. 459 I. Iverpool Street. Salford. 1st: (061) 745-9199. IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE Kiles - Ernest, died 10 years ago today, but lives within us, with lose.

DEATHS

SOKSCHAMER - On October 24th 1992, at home after a long liness aged 87. Erika, dear that beloved wife of Dr. Otto Schacharer and mother to George, Grandmother of Serena Rerve, Georgina, Edmund and Arthur Sokschamer. The fumeral took place on Sunday October 28th 1992 at the Western Cemptery. Western Cheshuni, Herts.

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TODO - On October 26th.
Bryan Todd. bravely borne.
aged 59 years. of
Twickenham. Fourserity
Marketing Director of The
Times. A lovely man with
many friends. loved and
sadily missed by all. Funeral
Service to be held on Thursday November 5th at 9.50am
at St Mary's Church. Church
Street. Twickenham.
followed by hurial in
Teddington Cemetery.
Flowers to be sent to F.W.
Palme Funeral Directors. 51
Church Street. Twickenham.
Enguiries tel: (081) 8921784.

WALKER - On October 25th, suddenly, Joan 'Mary' (nie lawin) aged 68 years, of Sandpits Lane, Westrip, Strood, A much loved wife, mother and grandmother who will be sadly missed. Funeral Service at Randwick Partsh Church on Friday October 30th at 2.30 pm, No flowers by reduest, donations in ten may be sent for The British Heart Foundation of Phillip Ford & Son (Funeral Directors) List. Diriston House, Strood. WELLS - On October 28th

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MILKERSON - On October 24th 1992 peocefulty at home Dora Exaté (nie Arendi) aged 80, wife of the late Sk Martin Wilkhom, Much loved mother of Jennifer. Clairs, Roberts (Bobbie) and devoted grandmother of Philip, Lucinda. Tara. Nina. Christopher, William. Phoebe and Edward. Sten-grantmother of Charles and Piers and Aumite of Cavim. Simon. Sarah and Mark. Requiem Mass in the Parish Church of Si Margaret's. West Hostiny. West Susset. at 2 on on Monday November. 2nd. followed by burtal in the churchyard. Simple Bowers or donallous if desired for 8t Barnabas Hossiec, Lincoln c/o Francis Chronell and

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The Inland Revenue intends to invite tenders for the provision of Typing, Secretarial and Office Support Services within its offices in Hamilton House, 20 Waterloo Street, Glasgow. The proposed contract and specification will include Typing services for approximately 216 staff, Personal Secretarial service for 5 Senior Managers, Post Room, Reception and Telephone Exchange services and other support services. The

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the transfer of their activities and assets to the bolding company. The above-named companies were put into solvent liquidation by the members of the companies on 21 October 1992. As such Creditors with valid claims either have been, or will be paid in hall.

should take to register any claim they may have against the

dator gives notice that the creditors of the above es most send details, in writing, of their debts er against the companies to the Bouldator, at the above address by 30 November 1992 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor

23 October 1992. Richard Victor Yerburgh Selcitim. Liquidator

14 December 1992.

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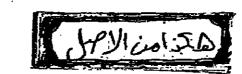
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On 21 October 1992 the above-named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yerburgh Seichim of Price Waterhouse. No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 SQL was appointed liquidator by the members.

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OBITUARIES

LORD ASHBY

Lord Ashby, FRS, botanist, chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast, 1970-83, and vicechancellor of Cambridge University, 1967-69, died on October 22 aged 88. He was born on August 24, 1904.

AS BEFITS an outstanding botanist, Eric Ashby was a planter of ideas. He inspired his students as a teacher; as an administrator he had the green-fingered knack of allowing his proposals to flourish by deft manipulation of the university decision-taking process. He was a significant influence on the development of two universities -Queen's University, Belfast, and Cambridge. If he wanted to push a measure through he knew how to get agreement by an inner strength of personality and a talent for procedure. Ashby had honed his skills as Master of Clare-College, Cambridge, 1959-75, and as vice-chancellor first of Queen's University, Belfast, 1950-59, and then of Cambridge. At home and abroad his wisdom and judgment were much sought after: for example, he provided independent Nigeria with a plan for higher education, and in this country he was the first chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollu-

Ashby was educated at the City of London School and Imperial College, London. He intended to read chemistry, but quickly appreciated the genius of Professor J. B. Farmer and changed to botany. In junior posts in the botanical department between 1926 and 1931 he came under the influence of a second great botanical figure, Professor Vernon H. Blackman, and then began a line of investigation that remained active and profitable throughout his botanical career: the interaction of factors affecting the growth of *Lemna*.

On a Commonwealth fellowship he visited Berkeley, Chicago and the Desert Laboratory at Tucson. On his return he was made lecturer at Imperial College and began a series of studies on physiological genetics, notably concerned with hybrid vigour in maize. He translated and edited under the title Environment and Plant Development the work by Professor H. Lundegårdh, which foreshadowed much of present-day interest in physiological plant ecology. He also used his facility with statistics to clarify current approach to vegetational analysis. His uninhibited demonstration of the weaknesses of previous work brought him bitter denunciation as a young

upstart, but he easily survived. In 1935 he moved to Bristol, where he was reader in botany, and at the age of 34 he became professor of botany at Sydney. He quickly raised the standing of his subject in the university, but with the coming of war he became provided the standing of his subject in the university, but with the coming of war he became provided the standing of his subject in the university, but with the coming of war he became provided the standing of his subject in the university but with the coming of war he became provided the standing of the subject in the university and ministration and displaying the provided the standing of the subject in the university and ministration and displaying the provided the standing of the subject in the university and ministration and displaying the provided the standing of the subject in the university and ministration and displaying the provided the standing of the subject in the university and ministration and displaying the subject in the university and ministration and the age of the standing of the subject in the university and ministration and the presidency and vice-chancellorship of Queen's University and ministration and the presidency and vice-chancellorship of the coming of war he became promitive ested in university education and many ment on a wider stage and did much to "had hoped he might become viceawaken public interest in some of the chancellor of the University of Sydney. shortcomings and problems of Australian universities. He became chairman chancellor made a lasting impact upon of the Australian National Research every aspect of university life. He was

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Scientific Liaison Bureau, an organisation of great value to the Australian war effort and largely his own creation. From this success stemmed his appointment as counsellor and chargé d'affaires with reference to scientific matters at the Australian Legation in Moscow in 1945-46.

His eventual command of Russian had much to do with his achievements in this post. His lively impressions of the country were embodied in his book A Scientist in Russia (1947).

In 1946 Ashby returned to England to the Harrison chair of botany at Manchester, at once vitalising and: expanding its scientific activity. By this time, however, pressure (from without and within) to devote himself to a Between 1950 and 1959 the new vice-Council and afterwards director of the then one of the most outstanding Scientific Grants Committee and of the him with their two sons.

public speakers in Northern Ireland. and he rapidly awakened the interest and loyalty of Ulster to its own university. Under his guidance the university buildings and staff were greatly extended, and he succeeded in establishing with the Belfast Corpora-

tion a joint authority for higher

technological studies, a remarkable

essay in compromise and cooperation

between University and city. In 1959 he took up the mastership of Clare College, Cambridge, Again Ashby demonstrated his enormous capacity for work, his uncanny powers as chairman and his facility for drafting in clear, concise and realistic terms. He was interested in University students at all levels: as vice-chancellor in 1967-69 he had to deal with pressure for student participation, which he did in a progressive but firm spirit, clear in his mind just how far it should go.

In his wider sphere of interests he served on the government's Advisory Council on Scientific Policy and the Advisory Council and Executive Council on Scientific and Industrial Research and was chairman of the Botanical Terminology. She survives

Postgraduate Grants Committee of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. He was knighted in 1956, elected

FRS in 1963 and made a life peer in

During the 1950s Ashby had begun to develop his research on the history of university education in all parts of the world affected by European culture. The addresses he was increasingly called upon to make as vice-chancellor or college head often involved him in such substantial research in this area that it resulted in separate publication. Thus, after his opening address to the Jubilee Conopening address to the Jubilee Congress of Commonwealth universities in 1963, on "Diversity of universities in the Commonwealth," he published Community of Universities, an informal portrait of the Association of the Universities in the Commonwealth, 1913-63. Other books were Technol-

He shared with Miss Mary Anderson, who helped him with historical research, the authorship of two major works. Universities: British. Indian, African: a study in the ecology of universities (1966) and The Rise of the Student Estate (1970). His mastership of Clare College and vice-chancellorship of Cambridge led to Masters and Scholars (1970) and Any Person, Any Study (1971).

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Ashby succeeded to the mastership of Clare at a time of great and unfamiliar stress on the college and university system, due to greatly expanded student numbers, vastly increased complexity and fragmentation of knowledge, growing government concern with financing universities and a world-wide extension of student self-assertion.

He was closely concerned with the consequences of the Franks, Bridges and Robbins reports and saw the need to modify and adapt, ahead of events, to the changing social and intellectual climate of Britain, so as to preserve the essence of the collegiate system and tutorial system. During his mastership Clare College undertook to participate in the centralised admission scheme for universities and successfully launched a new satellite graduate college, Clare Hall.

His travels to universities overseas led to the 1960 report investment in Education that provided Nigeria, at the outset of its independence, with a comprehensive plan for future education in upper schools and universities. Ashby was a natural choice as first chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, set up in 1970. He also led the working party that advised the government on pollution control at the UN Conference on Environmental Pollution, held in Stockholm in 1972.

In 1931 he married Elizabeth Helen Farries, a science graduate of Glasgow University. In 1938 they jointly published a work on German-English

RENÉE TICKELL

Renée Oriana Tickell, who wrote under her maiden name, Renée Haynes, died on October 12 aged 86. She was born on July 23, 1906.

RENEE Tickell will be remembered most for her work on extra-sensory perception and her life of the humanist Pope Benedict XIV. She had an original and wide-ranging mind, a lively way of writing (with phrases which linger in the memory) and a deep sense of humanity and historical continuity.

She was born into the heart

of the British intellectual establishment. Her father was E. S. P. Haynes, lawyer, diarist, wit and epicure; her great grandfathers included T. H. Huxley and the Indian Army General Sir Richard Pollock. She took strength from the past and relished the stimulus it gave to present and future.

In a memoir which she wrote privately about her childhood and youth she particularly recalled her father's friends from Julian and Aldous Huxley to Charles Scott Moncrieff (translator of Proust), G. K. Chesterton, Alec and Evelyn Waugh, and Hilaire Belloc, with whom she once drove around London singing in the back of an open

She came into her own at St Hugh's College, Oxford, in the 1920s. It was a happy and exciting time, too good to work in, filled with friendship, writ-ing and slightly pink politics. Her novel Neapolitan Ice was probably the first by a woman undergraduate about other women undergraduates. It was followed by The Holy Hunger and Immortal John. In 1929 she married another novelist, Jerrard



Tickell, but thereafter left novel writing to him and turned to the issues which occupied her until the end of her long life: the relationship between mind and body and the existence of faculties, similar to those in animals, which could not easily be categorised according to

prevailing fashion.

At this time she became a friend of Evelyn Underhill and joined the Church of England, but in 1942 she went further and became a Roman Catholic. In her own words, she found that the Via Media, like all other roads, led to Rome. It was among the most important influences in her life.

The war came as a traumatevent. Evacuated from London with little money and two - and from 1941 three children to support, she got a job, for which she was wholly unsuited, as a typist in the British Council, then in Ox-fordshire. But these were the creative convivial days of the council, then adorned by such personal friends as John Betieman. She soon left typing behind her, rose rapidly in the hierarchy and eventually became director of book reviews,

which involved the creation of a worldwide network of insidious efficacy in promoting British ideas and literature in the post-war period. The Brit-ish Council gave her a solid framework in life for which she and her husband, in his chancier world of novels and films, were always most grateful.

After her retirement, and her husband's death in 1966, she returned to the world she liked best. Her first book on extra sensory perception. The Hidden Springs, came out in 1961, and her second. The Seeing Eye, the Seeing I, in 1974. 1976

Her book on Pope Benedict XIV, Philosopher King, in 1970 was not only a personal tribute to a man who was the friend of Voltaire and represented the Catholic enlightenment, but who also took a lively interest in intellectually awkward subjects, including parapsychology. She contrib-uted widely to work on psychical research, with many articles in the press (especially The Tablet) and chapters in collections of essays. Particularly interesting among them were her postscript, at Arthur Koestler's request, to his book, The Roots of Coincidence, and her essay in Arnold Toynbee's collection, Life After Death. For many years she edited the Journal of the Society of Psychical Research, and her last book was on its history on the occasion of its centenary in 1982.

With her strong family sense, she took great interest and pride in her children. Crispin, a diplomat and environmentalist, who, as head of an Oxford college, went back to one of her own roots; Patrick, a publisher, who died in 1985; and Tom, a journalist, who was particularly close.

APPRECIATIONS

Arthur Wint

IN 1943, during a brief, inglorious career in the RAF, I trained with Arthur Wint (obituary, October 24) in the "Western Hemisphere Squadron" in Canada. We looked on him as a natural leader mixed with wonderment that any fighter aircraft could accommodate his six-and-a-half

Above all, what command- Peter le Huray ed lasting respect and admiration was the fact that he, his YOUR otherwise admirable younger brother and the doz- obituary of Peter le Huray

en Jamaicans with them should have all volunteered to fight for distant Britain. They had no need to; all suffered acutely from the fierce Canadian winter, and the fact that our polyethnic unit was a model in race relations was greatly thanks to the gentle charm of the future Olympic champion.

(October 19) failed to mention his contribution to the musical education of the children of Cambridgeshire. For many years he was chairman of the committee of

the Cambridgeshire Holiday Orchestra Association, guiding it through difficult times and bringing to it his characteristic combination of dedica-Alistair Horne tion, enthusiasm and modesty.

He will be remembered

with great affection.

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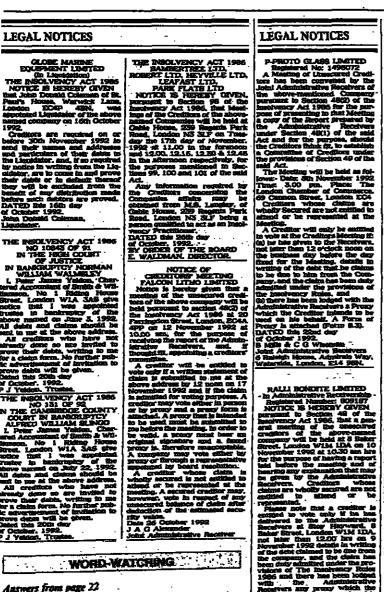
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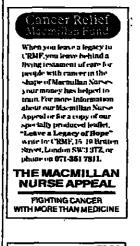
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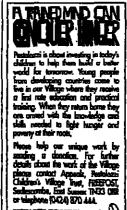
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of its obsession with "balance" and flies to Washington for a pre-Amer-

ican election programme. Else-

where, Rumpole is back (ITV) and

the Present Imperfect series

(BBC 2) goes slumming at the de-

clining roadside caff...... Page 47

The bill for its leaders' failure of

vision is now coming home to

Germany as well as its neighbours.

in the form of inflation, economic

stagnation in the country's east,

looming recession in the west and a steady increase in support for extreme right wing parties .. Page 21

It is the crime that dares not speak

its name. Indeed its commonly

used name, male rape, is not even a

recognised offence. A woman can be raped, while a man cannot. This

discrimination should no longer be

Sir Alec Guinness has decided nev-

er to act in the West End again

because he hates the blank faces of

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the audience. For once he misun-

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Germany's failure

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NEWS

Ministers shirk union battle

■ The government's bid to shore up backbench nerves has continued with the postponement of a bitterly-contested Bill which would further curtail union power. Ministers fear that a battle with the unions could be fatal given the certain row

Labour decided last night to oppose the government in next week's Maastricht vote, whatever form the Commons motion takes. The move adds urgency to John Major's

Ambulance chief resigns over delays

■ The head of London's ambulance service has resigned following allegations that the failure of a computerised callout system may have contributed to up to 20 deaths .. Page 1

Crime boom

Recorded crime rose 11 per cent to 5.5 million offences in the 12 months to July but the rate of increase is apparently slowing. according to Home Office figures published yesterday Page 5

Cult talk

What is culture, and who is it for? The great and the good in British arts and broadcasting conferred in Brighton, and after almost two hours Professor Christopher Frayling, of the Royal College of Art, summed up: "We haven't come up with any answers, but you never do when you start with such a cosmic question.".... Page 6

Travel speed-up

Sixty high-speed trains a day will run between London, Paris and Brussels through the Channel tunnel when international rail services are launched in 1994. offering journey times between London and Paris of three hours...

Nuclear threat

The safety of British nuclear weapons cannot be guaranteed. a report today asserts. Despite defence ministry assurances that the chance of an accidental detonation is extremely remote, the report says Britain has failed to take full account of a US enquiry revealing the dangers Page 9

Village fears

Parish councillors in a quiet cor-

that their village could become the scene of a clash of cultures after the arrival of several thousand Hassidic Jews, tired of life in London, who plan to buy about 300 housing plots near ... Page 12

Yeltsin hits back

President Yeltsin ordered the dissolution of a 5,000-strong armed guard controlled by his conservative rival, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman, and considered to be the private army of anti-reformPage 15

Peking dispute

Britain and China simultaneously released transcripts of secret correspondence on Hong Kong which is said by Peking to prove that proposals by the governor, Chris Patten, for the 1995 elections break a promise by Britain to limit democracy in the territory... Page 17

Zia claim

Experts told a judicial enquiry into the plane crash that killed General Zia ul-Haq, the former Pakistani president, that the aircraft was brought down by two explosions on board..... Page 17

Campaign blitz

President Bush and Governor Clinton duelled in separate television appearances and out on the campaign trail over the state of the economy as Ross Perot completed plans for the costliest television advertising blitz in US

Nudists threatened with beach ban

National Trust members are calling for a ban on nudists at Britain's biggest nudist beach, claiming that indecent behaviour has increased and children are at risk. Studland Bay in Dorset has four miles of fine sand, with about half a mile used by nudists. At the height of the summer, up to 7,000 naked bodies take the air...



Or Michel Garretta, the transfusion official in an Aids case, escorted by Boston police before flying to jail in France. Report, page 15

Going up: Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals group, announced pre-tax profits for the year to August 29 of £505 million (£403 million). A final dividend of 9p (7p) makes a total of 13p (10p)... Page 25

Going down: Only 14 of British Coal's 51 deep mines will have a long-term future under new contracts being negotiated with the electricity generating industry, the chairman of British Coal, Neil Clarke, told a Commons committee, raising the prospect of more closures and job losses Page 25

Winning side: When the winners and losers in the battle of Britain's high streets come to be recorded, Marks & Spencer is confident about the side it will be listed on. In the darkest hours of the recession, M&S has reported higher profits and higher sales...

Rugby: South Africa's four-match tour of England next month was cleared after the ANC called on anti-apartheid activists not to campaign for cancellation...... Page 48 Football: Sunderland expect a large majority of supporters to vote in favour of the club's leaving Roker Park for a new ground five miles away. It will be England's biggest club stadium...... Page 46 Fishing: A British record is to be claimed for a 46lb pike, caught at Llangdegfedd, near Pontypool. It beats by 10oz the mark established by Gareth Edwards, former Welsh rueby union international Page 48

Unhappy note: Most people believe that pop groups go deaf as a result of their music, but recent research has shown that orchestral players are in even greater danger of hearing defects Page 19

Dear Dad: Beneath the happy facade, doubts lurk for the family man who ponders the imponderable: are these children really mine?Page 19

Here is the news: Ever since Paul Julius Reuter, founder of the news agency, used pigeon post in 1850, Reuters has proved adept at exploiting new ways of communicating. A special report.......Pages 39 to 41

Film: New releases include Neil Jordan's The Crying Game; David Mamer's Glengarry Glen Ross; Boomerang, Unlawful Entry, Mon

Père Ce HérosPage 33

Theatre: Punjabi precursor of the Romeo/Juliet story, Heer Ranjha. at Theatre Royal, Stratford East; Sex III, a one-woman look at romance, BAC-Battersea Page 34 Dance: Don Juan, Jean Claude Gallotta's version with an aging

rock star as the title role, at the ... Page 34 Literature: biennial Poetry International festival at London's South Bank Centre; Secret Agent, new BBC 2 serial of Conrad's novel too

Gatt talks: France is the biggest obstacle to agreement, partly because of the political clout of its farmers and partly because, as the EC's biggest food producer and the world's second biggest food exporter, it has most to lose from lower subsidies ..

The Wall: When the polished black granite Vietnam war memorial went up in Washington, DC, ten years ago, no one could have guessed the outpouring of emotion it would inspire. People have argued over it, wept against it and been healed by it. Many have left bits of their past beside it in the hope of reconciling America's long-.. Page 35 est war with everyday life . Page 18

derstands his theatre ____ Page 21 ...Page 18

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BRUCE ANDERSON Although she was a great prime minister, Margaret Thatcher left John Major with an accursed inheritance. If his premiership is now embattled, it is because of the difficulties he has encountered in clear-

BERNARD LEVIN

The least funny book ever written, not excluding the autobiography of Leonid Brezhnev is Freud's Jokes and their Relation to the Circonscious. If you don't believe me, try a few examples _____ Page 20

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Mike Ahearne was an 11-stone weakling, but now he eats ten Shredded Wheat for breakfast, weighs 21 stone and looks like a block of flats made of human tissue. His new name is Warrior and he is a Gladiator Page 20

(Perot's) thin-skinned style raises some unsettling questions about Perot the possible President. Behaviour during a campaign has always been a key factor by which voters judge candidates. This year is no exception - USA Today

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Table Divine

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, was grilled by MPs after a report showed a tobacco advertising ban could cut smoking by 7 per cent Page 14



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Due to a publishers' row, a novel by Samu-el Beckett which he agreed should appear after his death, is on sale in Ireland but not in Britain Page 3



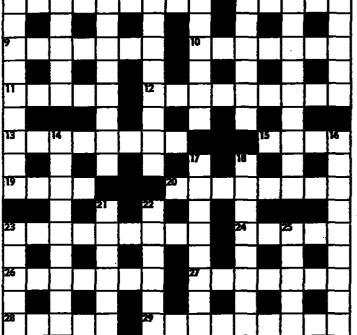
Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of the Fascist dictator, was barred from holding a rally in Naples to commemorate the 1922 March on Rome Page 15

Scotland will be cool and



Sir Anthony Caro, the British pioneer of abstract sculpture, will receive the Praemium Imperiale medal in Tokyo and a cheque worth £75,000. He said: "I feel elated."

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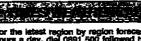
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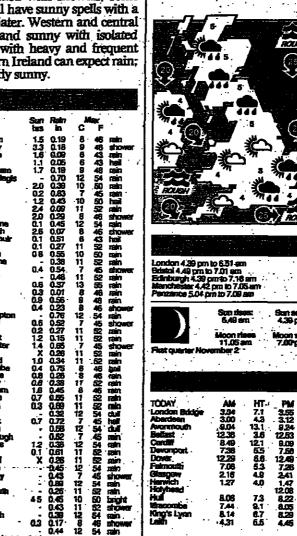
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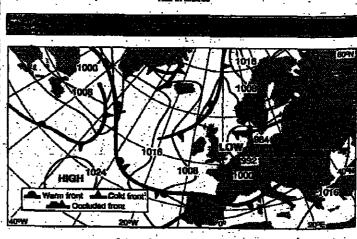
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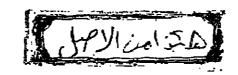
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Accountants were not alone in failing to communicate doubts about BCCI, writes Robert Bruce

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Power contracts would leave just 14 pits open

By Ross Tieman

ONLY 14 of British Coal's 51 deep mines will have a viable long-term future under new contracts being negotiated with the electricity generating industry, Neil Clarke, the chairman of

British Coal, said yesterday. His evidence, to the Commons trade and industry select committee, raised the prospect of seven further closures and several thousand more job osses beyond the plans to shut 31 pits, with the loss of 30,000 jobs, now being investigated by the committee.

Mr Clarke said that "only a radical transformation of the present market could affect the prospects of the collieries earmarked for closure" under the October 13 announcement.

He said he had repeatedly warned ministers and their officials, ever since he was appointed chairman in March 1991, that the construction of gas-fired power stations would reduce the market for coal. But he added that perhaps the effect of the decisions to grant licences for

Coal's future looked even bleaker when Neil Clarke told MPs seven more pits could shut

gas generation were not fully understood".
The closure announcement

this month should have come as a surprise to nobody, Mr Clarke said. British Coal had hoped to conduct a phased closure programme, but had been prevented from doing so by delays in signing new contracts with PowerGen and National Power, the two power companies, which buy 80 per cent of its output.

Kevan Hunt, British Coal's employee relations director, said there had also been intense negotiations with ministers, without success, for a 30 per cent increase in the level of redundancy payments to min-ers. Under the present scheme, the maximum pay-able is £37,000. But Mr Clarke said British Coal was

Miners tell High Court of 'consultation charade'

a "charade", a High Court judge heard yesterday. The National Union of Miners and Nacods, the pit deputies' union, accused British Coal, which has halted production during the 90-day consultation period, of pursuing policies that would ensure collieries closed, whatever the outcome of the talks.

John Hendy QC, for the unions, told Mr Justice Kennedy that the failure to work the pits as normal was threatening to make them unworkable in the future. He said

CONSULTATION ower the British Coal was also reported planned closure of ten collier- to be inducing miners to leave ies are in danger of becoming the industry before the consultations were completed by offering better redundancy terms than those that would be offered to workers awaiting

the outcome of the talks Mr Hendy was opposing a British Coal request for an adjournment of the unions' application, due to be heard today, for an order forcing British Coal to continue production during consultation. But the judge said British Coal had had insufficient time to respond to the unions' allegations. He postponed the application until Tuesday.

particularly for people in areas like the North East, of getting

another job are very remote". Mr Clarke said British Coal had arrived at its pit closure announcement after a series of extremely detailed reviews. During talks over future buying, the generators had made clear that their demand for coal would decline sharply as new power stations, burning natural gas, come on stream. The select committee will examine the economic logic of that later.

Mr Clarke said that unless the opportunities for coal in the generating market were improved, sales would fall progressively until the end of the five-year contract.

Andrew Horsler, British Coal's director general of marketing, told the committee that gas fired plants under construction would displace 8-9 million tonnes of coal a year. Nuclear Electric's heavily subsidised first generation Magnox reactors, which have reached or passed their 30-year design lives but are continuing in operation, sub-stituted for 8 million tonnes of coal a year. The Sizewell plant, which starts up in 1994. would squeeze out another 3 million tonnes. Subsidised French nuclear power, imported through a cable link, already displaces 6 million tonnes of coal. In addition,

imports account for a further

7-8 million tonnes of fuel sold While some imported coal costs about El a gigajoule. present British Coal production costs average £1.60 a gigajoule. In preparing closures, pits had been evaluated for their ability to produce coal at below £1.30 a gigajoule, he said. On this basis, 14 pits, including the five mines in the Selby complex in Yorkshire and the soon-to-be completed £400 million Asfordby mine. had a secure future. Eleven more pits came into a margin-



Costly delays: Neil Clarke said the time taken to negotiate contracts with generators ruled out a phased closure of pits

Accountants at loggerheads

BY NEIL BENNETT

THE Accounting Standards Board has split over the publi-cation of FRS 3, its new financial reporting standard, as one of its members attacked the rules and said that they will produce misleading profit and earnings figures for many

of Britain's largest companies. Robert Bradfield, the head the broker, and a member of the nine-member board, voted against FRS 3, the board's new accounting regulations that will radically transform company accounts when they come in to force next June.

The standard was pushed through by the other eight board members but Mr Bradfield has explained his dissension in the back of the

As expected, the board has decided to practically abolish extraordinary items and force

companies to include all the effects of acquisitions and disposals in their pre-tax profits and earnings per share figures.

This will force companies to reveal far more about their financial position than at present, but it will make profit and earnings figures far more assessment of a company's underlying trading per-

Mr Bradfield says in his dissension that he fears the standard "could frequently produce misleading measures

of performance". He argues that the effects of disposals will hide a compa-ny's true performance. "Users will be left without a single indicator of whether the entity has done well or badly."

The Institute of Investment Management and Research,

which represents City analysts, is, meanwhile, setting up a sub-committee to discuss the change to earnings per share. It is likely to put pressure on companies to publish a maintainable earnings figure that

disposals. David Tweedie, the chairman of the Accounting Standards Board, said that FRS 3 is a landmark in accountancy regulations.

would ignore the effects of

We are saying to people they must not use the bottom line numbers, but go back to its constituent parts. They have to do more work but accountancy is simple. A single number cannot represent everything that has happened to a company like ICI in a

whole year," he said.

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Wellcome climbs to £505m

By MARTIN WALLER

WELLCOME, the pharmaceuticals group, announced pre-tax profits for the year to August 29 of £504.7 million (£403 million). A final dividend of 9p (7p) makes a total of 13p (10p).

of Zovirax and Retrovir, the company's star performers, were up 24 per cent and 22 per cent respectively. Group gross margins were up from 24.6 per cent to 27.7 per cent, while strong cash flow and a fall in capital spending of £39 million allowed the group to more than double its total cash balances from £198 million to £410 million. The shares slipped 15p to

985p on the figures.

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Marks sparkles in the slump

By MATTHEW BOND

WHEN the winners and losers in the battle of Britain's high streets come to be recorded, Marks and Spencer is confident about the side it will be listed on. Yesterday, it

gave three reasons why. For in the darkest hours of the retail recession, M&S has reported higher profits, higher sales (bar Canada), and higher profit margins. The improbable combination of selling expensive food and cheap clothes is clearly a

winning one.
Pre-tax profits rose 19.5 per cent to £257 million; sales in Britain advanced to £2.24 billion and operating margins jumped from 8.9 per cent to

Only the slimming down of the group's loss-making Ca-nadian operation resulted in overall turnover falling marginally to £2.64 billion. The interim dividend was increased from 2.1p to 2.2p.

But for every winner there has to be a loser. Yesterday, Sir Richard Greenbury, the chairman, was categoric that M&S's success was not at the expense of the customer. Quite the reverse, in fact. "Almost all our goods. 98.5 per cent, are at the same price or less than last year," he said. Some 25 to 30 per cent of M&S lines in Britain were selling at a lower price than a year ago, he said. "by quite a

significant percentage".
Such static prices were not necessarily bad news for M&S suppliers, Sir Richard said, although he agreed that suppliers had joined with the company in making cost-savings and other improvements

in efficiency. If the prices led to higher sales in the shops, that would lead to higher volumes passing through the factories. The



Retail magician: Sir Richard unveiled higher profits, margins and sales

big question is, will they? Sir Richard's reply was cautious. He pointed out that the British market continued to suffer from a lack of consum-er confidence and rising unemployment.

"We are encouraged by the early season sales perfor-mance resulting from these outstanding values."

Sir Richard hoped that the devaluation of sterling would give M&S an advantage over its rivals, through its practice of obtaining so many of its products from Britain. "We don't source in the UK for philanthropic reasons. We

do so for reasons of price and

competitiveness. Our UK sup-

pliers do a terrific job for us."

Retailers dependent on im-

ported goods will either have to pass on the higher costs to their customers or face a reduction in their trading

The most obvious losers in the company's battle against recession were the 300 head-quarters staff made redundant last year. Sir Richard said that retirements and other voluntary departures had cut the numbers by a further 500.

The savings have been backstage. We have actually got more people on the sales floor." Further increases in profitability had come from the group's investment in operating and information technology "We have got to be the most

efficient, we have to give the best service and give the best value for money we can." M&S's overseas operations

contributed just £12.6 million to group operating profits of £253 million. Brooks Brothers, the American menswear chain acquired for \$750 million in 1988, increased sales to \$154 million and profits to \$2.9 million. "I am encouraged by the

trend, but we have a long way to go on the level of return we achieve. We have been in the UK for 108 years and run a very professional business. We have been in America four years and are still finding our

MPs told of policy shifts

By OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE governor of the Bank of England told MPs last night that the government is able to relax monetary policy due to the current absence of infla-

Robin Leigh-Pemberton told the Treasury select committee that there has been a shift in economic policy objec-tives since Black Wednesday when Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism, and a new priority for long-term sustained growth. But he said the Bank would still act quickly to damp down inflation if it began to re-emerge.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said it should be possible for inflation to stay under the government's 4 per cent limit next year despite devaluation, which the Bank thinks will add two points to headline inflation.

"We are seeing ourselves operating in very changed economic circumstances, but the policy remains the same. We can operate more flexibly because of the complete ab-sence of inflationary pressure," he said.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton also said that he would like to see Britain return to the ERM once evidence emerged that the economy was converging with others in the EC. "The ERM has been beneficial to us

and can be again," he said.

The Governor denied he had been offered a general realignment of the ERM prior to Black Wednesday. He defended the Bank's ill-fated attempt to keep sterling in its Tempus, page 28 | with a rise in interest rates.

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ICI sells pigments

Ford plunges to third-quarter loss

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

FORD plunged back into the red in the third quarter of this year. Jaguar, the luxury carmaker, lost \$100 million and Ford of Britain was described as the biggest factor in \$479

million of European losses. Worldwide sales of Jaguar dropped by more than a fifth in July, August and Septem-ber. The carmaker lost \$300 million in the first nine months of the year, Ford described that as slightly better than its performance in the same period last year.

Two weeks ago, Jaguar, which has seen American sales plunge by 64 per cent from

Currency chaos added to losses at Ford, with Jaguar losing \$100m and Ford of Britain hard hit.

their 1986 peak, cut prices of cars sold in the US by almost 20 per cent, in the face of fierce price compension from European and Japanese makers of

of Britain but said these were included in the \$479 million

(£23.7 million) Turnover was £400 million (£415 million).

November 24, but were brought forward because of the board's concern over re-

cent volatility in the share price. In May, Babcock shares

traded at 69p. Yesterday they

The group said provisions

had to be taken against certain

under-performing contracts,

and that the economic envi-

ronment had made conditions

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difficult in all its markets.

closed 2p down at 292p.

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Babcock International cuts interim dividend

By COUN CAMPBELL

BABCOCK International Group, demerged from FKI Babcock in August, 1989, has cut its interim dividend after a near-30 per cent profits set-back, and says the second half

could be equally tough.

Lord King, the chairman, said Babcock, which manages the Rosyth naval dockyard, had been hampered by a worsening order book and "unexpected operating difficulties in certain subsidiaries".

The interim dividend is cut from 1.25p to 1p and pre-tax profits for the half year ended September were £16.6 million

loss last time. Nine-month losses in Europe were halved from \$765 million to \$371

Ford was saved from a deeper slide into the red by good results from its finance company. The third-quarter deficit for the American parent company came out at \$159 million, down from a \$574 million loss last year. Sales were up 12 per cent to \$19.3 billion.

luxury cars.

Ford, second-largest of the US car producers, did not separate out losses from Ford

The company remains in the black for the first nine months of this year, with a running profit total of \$681 million, against a \$1.78 billion loss last time. Ford earned \$840 million profit in the first

Despite a warning of third-quarter red ink issued by Ford two weeks ago, results were worse than expected and the company's shares dropped \$1.5 to \$38.375.

Harold Poling, the chair-man, said chaos in the European foreign exchange markets caused significant losses. He gave warning that currency instability would continue to affect the business in the fourth quarter, when Ford could make further losses.

He said: "The uncertainty resulting from the instability in European currency markets has led to lower sales in most of Ford's European markets and will continue to affect the operating environment for the near term."
Ford said the current oper-

ating climate in Europe made it impossible to predict the fourth quarter.

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Programme trading: Bill Cosby and Gary Gray, his TV grandson in The Cosby Show

Cosby in frame for NBC

BILL Cosby, the richest tele-vision entertainer in America who gave up making The Cosby Show five months ago, now wants to buy the television network that made him famous (Philip Robinson writes). Mr Cosby, 55, with a personal fortune of at least

\$300 million is in talks to buy NBC, known as the peacock network and ranked top station for six consecutive years. The Cosby Show kept NBC in that spot for four seasons when it was America's most popular programme.

spring, NBC's fortunes have weakened. It is now ranked last among the three national networks in key advertiser viewing groups and Holly-wood sources say the network faces the prospect of becom-ing the last stop for television programme makers who prefer the more successful ABC, CBS and Fox Broadcasting, which is owned by The News Corporation, parent company of The Times.

Of the talks, David Brokaw. Mr Cosby's spokesman, said: "It's for real. It is serious. It's not a rumour." Mr Cosby has become an entertainment legend in America. The son of a navy steward and a maid, he grew up in a poor area of North Philadelphia. He dropped out of university at 25 to tour the comedy night-club circuit. He was later awarded a doctorate from the same university.

In the early sixties, he won three Emmy awards as co-star with Robert Culp in I Spy, the detective series. His wealth grew dramatically in the eighties, when television rules of his show tripled to more than 330 stations. The fees alone are estimated to have topped \$1 billion. The cigar-smoking "Coz"

has been ranked the richest American entertainer in three of the six years since figures were compiled by Forbes magazine. His two-year earnings total for 1991-2 is expected to be almost \$100 million. Mr Cosby's move to buy NBC is the second approach for the station in two weeks. and others are expected to follow. But the price is high. GE, which bought the station in 1986 as part of a \$6.4 billion bid for RCA Corporation, is believed to want between \$3.5 billion and \$4

A fortnight ago, it emerged that Barry Diller, former head of Fox Broadcasting, was in talks with GE in a deal that could include a joint bid with David Geffen, the music producer. That promoted re-newed speculation that Paramount Pictures would reenter the fray, though Martin man, is said to think the price



is not right.

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company to Japanese A DAY ahead of announcing what are expected to be gloomy figures for the third quarter of this year, ICL, Britain's biggest

manufacturer, has sold a small business from its specialty chemicals side to Toyo of Japan. No price has been given for the sale of Francolor Pigments, a French maker of ink pigments, but the company has annual sales of just £30 million and the sum involved is thought to be just a few

ICI said the sale would allow it to concentrate resources on its core range of pigments for the paint and plastics industries. The company is today expected to unveil profits of not much more than £500 million for the first three quarters of 1992, and make a pessimistic outlook statement. Under plans to demerge the company that are currently under consideration, the specialty side would be part of a separate biosciences company.

Lucas lifts chief's pay

LUCAS Industries, the aerospace and car parts group that has announced 4,000 job cuts worldwide and a stump in annual pre-tax profits from £83 million to £23 million, has awarded Tony Gill, the chairman, an 11 per cent pay rise to take his salary to £369,640. The company's annual report also discloses that David Hankinson, the finance director, who resigned in February, received a £352,000 pay-off. But Tony Edwards, who resigned as managing director earlier this week to become chief executive of Dowly, a subsidiary of TI Company is unlikely to resigned this week to become chief executive of Dowly, a subsidiary of TI Group, is unlikely to receive anything.

Goldsmiths trims loss

DESPITE reduced first-half losses, Goldsmiths Group, the jewellery retailer, is passing its interim-dividend (1.5p) as depressed consumer confidence continued to restrict customdepressed consumer continued to restrict custom-er spending. The company, which operates 117 retail outlets, trimmed pre-tax losses to £1.88 million in the half year to August 29 (£2.09 million). Despite "very difficult" trading conditions, increased market share helped sales rise 11.2 per cent to £18.3 million, with 3.9 per cent like-for-like growth. Loss per share is reduced to 5.74p against a deficit of 6.38p.

Durham shares halted

SHARES in DG Durham Group, a loss-making insurance broker quoted on the USM, were suspended at 4p pending an announcement about a possible takeover of the company. A statement said talks had started that might lead to an offer for the company or its major operating subsidiaries. A further announcement, accompaning preliminary results for the period to March 31, would be made "as soon as practicable". Last December, DG Durham announced that it had made a pre-tax loss of £280,000 for the half year to June 30, 1991, and that it had axed its interim dividend.

Northumbrian post

NORTHUMBRIAN Fine Foods, the snacks and biscuits maker, has ended its four month search for a new chief executive. Henry Roberts, 43, has joined from Hughes Food Group, where he held the same position. He replaces Richard Adams, who resigned as chairman and chief executive of the Gateshead-based company in June. Mr Roberts' pay will include a profit related bonus as well as a bonus related to the company's share price. Pre-tax profits in the year to March 31 at Northumbrian were \$1,55,000 — 41 per cent down.

MMC referral threat

THE acquisition by Schlumberger of Seismographic Services, a British subsidiary of America's Raytheon, will be referred to the monopolies commission unless competition undertakings are obtained. Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, has asked the Office of Fair Trading to raise concerns about adverse effects on the bore-hole seismics market with Schlumberger: The acquisition, for an undisclosed sum, was announced in July. Objections must be made known to the OFT in writing by November 4.

Bertam interims down

PRE-TAX profits at Bertam Holdings, which has interests ranging from Malaysian oil palm and rubber plantations to property development, fell by 15.3 per cent to £354,000 in the six months to June 30, on turnover of £598,000 (£605,000). There was a downturn in oil palm yields: the fresh fruit bunch crop, however, has improved in the second half. The rubber crop was lower, with rubber areas being phased out and replaced with oil palm. Earnings slip to 1.07p (1.45p) a share. There is again no interim dividend.

Shiloh pegs payout

SHILOH, the diversified company with interests in textiles, healthcare, protective clothing and packaging, is holding the interim dividend at 0.875p a share. The company said faint indications of an improvement in conditions in the spring failed to materialise and trading deteriorated, resulting in a decline in profits from £379.622 before tax to £201.277 in the six months to October 3. Earnings were 2.36p a share, down from 4.48p. Measures have been taken to improve the efficiency of manufacturing units.

Arco seeks listing

ATLANTIC Richfield (Arco), the American oil company, has applied for a London Stock Exchange listing; trading is expected to begin next Monday. Lodwrick M. Cook. chairman and chief executive, said a London listing would make European investors more accessible. Arco's aim was growth in production and income from European operations into the next century. The company, based in Los Angeles, has extensive North Sea interests. It is quoted in Switzerland, and on the New York and Pacific stock exchanges.

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Engineering confidence is 'shot to pieces'

Civil engineers, fearing a further downturn in orders over the next year, want Norman Lamont to sanction increased spending on roads and railways

By Patricia Tehan

months down the road, frankly the universal response is that they [contractors] expect

things to go on getting worse." Optimism has plummetted since the federation's July

survey. A balance of minus 62

per cent of respondents expect the trend in new work orders

to fall over the next 12

months, not the highest nepa-

tive balance on record but exceeding the minus 44 per cent balance in January 1991.

A growing number of respondents also expect employ-

ment to fall. A balance of minus 49 per cent say nombers of staff on site have fallen,

the worst level since the federation's survey started in 1980. A minus 55 per cent balance

of respondents said less plant

is in use, reflecting the same

Cost pressures have eased as workload shrinks. The bal-

trend.

ward trend."

CIVIL engineering contrac-tors' confidence has been "shot to pieces" by the lack of any sign of recovery in new orders and by fears that the government plans to cut spending on infrastructure.

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According to the October Quarterly Survey of Civil En-gineering Workload Trends from the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, there is no let up in the decline of workload and job losses. Optimism about prospects for the next 12 months is at its lowest level of this recession.

The federation surveyed 145 of its 300 member firms. Those responding represent half the civil engineering work carried out by private contractors; 40 per cent of total civil engineering and 9 per cent of

construction output in Britain. The survey was conducted before John Major's comments last week that the ance of those reporting unchanged or lower costs compared with 12 months ago rose from 54 per cent in July to 77 per cent in October. However, although two thirds of respondents said there were no cost investors there is no government's policy is to go

for growth. But John Hackett, the federation's director-general, said that even if the prime minis-ter's comments had come of respondents said there were sooner, "I doubt whether they no cost pressures, there is no could have made up for sign of improvement in profit months of discouraging indications".

The FCEC is lobbying Norman Lamont, the Chancellor.

The true to the profit margins. Mr Hackett said:

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"Our members prices are moving down with the downward trend."

The FCEC is lobbying Nor-man Lamont, the Chancellor, before his Autumn Statement on November 12 to increase: spending on roads, railways Mr Hackett said: "Looking 12 jobs over the next few months.

Diminishing role: Gerald Ronson, above, with his wife Gail, might offer to step down as Heron chairman

Heron to present refinancing plan

By Jonathan Prynn

HERON International will today present debt restructur-ing plans to its banks and bondholders, which are owed

The proposals are almost certain to involve a heavy dilution of the influence of Gerald Ronson, the founder of the group, and his family, in the running and control of

the company.

Heron hit difficulties in

March, when it announced that it needed to reschedule its £1.3 billion of bank and bond debt because of problems in ns US property and financial

services operations.
Since then, the 80 banks and holders of Heron's 11 outstanding Eurobond issues have grown increasingly anx-ious because of a further fall in the value of the company's assets, sterling's devaluation

and a recent postponement of the meeting of its bankers. Today's delayed presenta-tion is likely to give the banks most of what they are demanding. Mr Ronson is almost certain to offer to step down as chairman, though he will remain as chief executive.

will also be brought in and the Ronson family holding will be diluted by a swap of some bank debt for equity.

If the banks agree to the proposal, the company must seek approval from the bond-holders, who are now owed almost £600 million, compared with £450 million in April, because of the fall in the value of the pound. Represen-tatives of the bondholders have been closely involved in the "long and complex" nego-tiations between the company and its creditors.

If the restructuring proposals are not accepted, the outlook for the company, which has suffered massive writedowns of its property portfolio and is estimated to have negative net worth of £200 million, look bleak.

At least one holder of Swiss franc bonds has already started legal proceedings against Heron International in an attempt to recover his money, but the move is not thought to represent a serious proposals. The bonds are trading at a very deep dis-

Telegraph profits up by 10%

PRE-TAX profits at Conrad Black's Telegraph Group dimbed 10 per cent, to £30.3 million, in the nine months to September 30. They were boosted partly by higher sales and cover price increases for The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph.

Joe Cooke, managing directions

tor, said advertising revenues were higher, despite a general slump in the industry; as a result, turnover rose from £161 million to £176 million. "We look ahead with apprehension and to the past with gratitude," he said.

Earnings per share eased from 16.5p to 15.7p, depressed by higher tax charges for the group and its affiliate. John Fairfax, the Australian media commany in which media company in which Telegraph Group holds a 15 per cent stake.

Exceptional costs rose from £1.5 million to £2.2 million after certain costs included in the interim figures as operating costs were restated as

Recession catches up

Mr Hackett said the short-

term outlook for civil engi-

neers is for a further contraction of both work and

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

THE downturn in the economy has caught up with one of France's most prestigious companies. LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the hmury goods group, yesterday blamed a fall in third-quarter sales on the strong franc and the general weakness of the

French economy.

LVMH shares fell by almost 6 per cent to Fr3,582, down from an opening level of Fr3,801. The company said it expected 1992 profits to be "near that of 1991", while analysis had expected a rise.
With continuing depressed conditions in its main markets

the strong franc, which re-mained closely tied to the mark during the currency turmoil in September, appre-ciated against the dollar, causing a further setback in LVMH profitablity.

Turnover during the ninemonth period to September remained static at Fr14.7 billion, while sales actually fell in the third quarter from Pr5.4 billion to Pr5 billion.

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	1992	1991				
Sales — continuing operations	£1699m	£1456m	+18%*			
Pre-tax profit	£505m	£403m	+25%			
R&D expenditure	£255m	£230m	+11%			
Earnings per share	36.0p	29.3р	+23%			
Final proposed dividend per share	9.0p	7.0p	+2.0p			

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UK directors high in pay rise league

By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

DIRECTORS of subsidiary companies in the UK received pay rises averaging 7.9 per cent in the year to July 1992. putting them at the top end of

the European pay league.
Subsidiary companies are regarded as the best indicator. of European pay levels. Portuguese directors received the highest base salary rises, averging 19.5 per cent; the lowest, of 5.8 per cent, were in

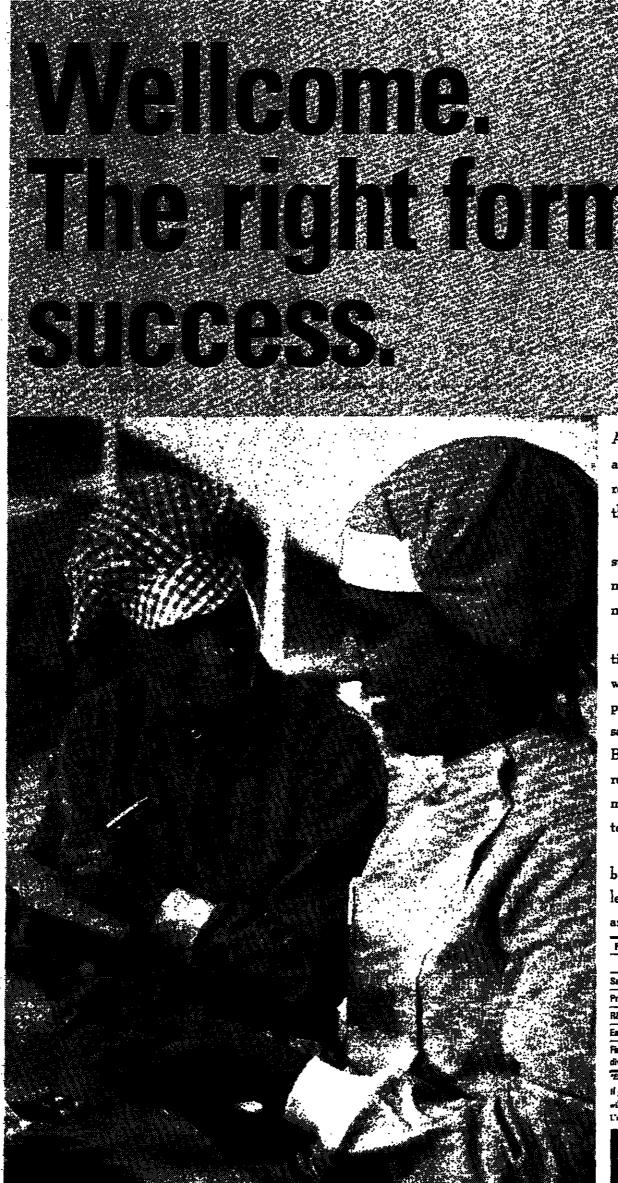
According to a survey by Monks Partnership, the pay advisers, after adjusting for the average level of inflation in each country, Portuguese directors still topped the league, with net pay rises of 8.4 per cent. Swiss directors were at the bottom, with just

1.1 per cent. After allowing for an average 43 per cent inflation in the UK directors received increases averaging 3.6 per cent. The survey forecasts 6 per cent base pay rises for directors of UK subsidiary companies in line with pay movements for comparable posts in Germany, Austria. Ireland and Switzerland. After tax and adjustments for

the cost of living, Swiss, German and Spanish directors were best paid, with the four Scandinavian countries at the bottom of the league and the UK in the middle.

The survey shows that di-rectors of subsidiary com-parties in Germany with turnovers of more than £30 million received the equiva-lent of £42.800 after tax and cost of living adjustments. In the UK, they received £30,400, compared with £20,000 to £22,000 in Den-E20,000 to E22,000 in Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Norway. Most directors, throughout Europe, expect company cars, and 80 per cent of them except in Switzerland, are given them.

Bonus payments are linked to status in all countries. general managers receiving larger bonuses. Share options are important for all high earners in Europe, the highest incidence of share options occurs in Germany, Ireland, Switzerland and the UK. ☐ Management Remuneration in Europe: Monks Part-nership. Debden Green. Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11



tax profits are nearly 30 per cent weaker at £16.6 million

and the blunt warning is that

second half profits may only be marginally up. Babcock does not actually say so, but a cut in the final dividend is

As an international engi-

neering contractor, Babcock

had long been expected to be

a victim of the recession. But

its problems have been com-pounded by under perform-

ing contracts, which has

meant \$6.5 million of provi-

There was little, if any,

currency impact in the first half, but the international

business climate could hardly

have been more uncertain.

Materials handling, helped by February's acquisition for £24 million of Consilium of Swe-

den, was the only bright star

- but not strong enough to

arrest setbacks in energy and

manufacturing or to reverse the profits dip in process plant contracting.

If Babcock soon wins new

and important - orders

which have a potential price

tag of many millions, the group will end this financial

year with a smile on its face.
Year end pre-tax profits of £35
million (£50.1 million) would
be a base from which to build.
But if orders fall to come,
recovery will be postponed
and the shares will stay in
limbo. The final might be 1.1p

(1.9p) a share, or at best 1.25p, and until new orders

arrive, the shares on 6.6 times

prospective earnings are only

sions against profits.

clearly on the cards.

Wellcome shrugs off the profiteering tag

TO paraphrase Lord Macau-lay, we know no spectacle so swings. Capital spending is ridiculous as the American politician in one of his periodical fits of morality. While George Bush and Bill Clinton may have precious little between them in the way of a constructive policy on health care, both know there are easy votes in bashing the wicked,

profiteering drug companies. The fear of even sharper curbs on drug prices and a heavier contribution to the Medicaid programme has held back the Wellcome share price since this summer's float at £8, despite the effects of the falling pound on a company with 90 per cent of its sales outside Britain.

The problem is not limited to America; in Germany, drug prices must come down by 5 per cent by next year. Wellcome's response to such market fears is reasonable. Of an 18 per cent growth in underlying sales last year, only 3 percentage points came from price rises, a full point lower than the previous year, and there is much further for volumes to grow.

Having dipped below £8 shortly after the sale. Wellcome shares have gone ahead to more than £10 since late August, in parallel with the falling pound. There was, therefore, no surprise that full-year figures showing pretax profits of £505 million, dead in line with expectations, should have sparked some profit-taking and left the shares off 15p at 985p.

Earlier currency hedging will take £10 million off any

down as investment programmes mature, but so are cost-savings and further margin enhancement from disposals.

James Cuiverwell, of Hoare Govett, is looking for Welkcome to report £650 mil-lion pre-tax this financial year, well ahead of the £600 million figures that were doing the rounds at the time of the share issue. With further growth possible from Zovirax and Retrovir, the two big money-spinners, the shares' premium rating of more than 20 times this year's earnings looks safe for a while.

M&S

ONCE again Marks and Spencer has shown that you cannot please all of the people all of the time. The 152p fall in the share price, following a 19.5 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits, was ample evidence of that.

But M&S has done enough to please most of the people. Not just because of another fine set of figures — pre-tax profits up to £257 million: earnings per share up 22 per cent and margins up from 8.9 per cent to 9.6 per cent — but because of its uncharacteristically frank admissions of the state of the markets it operates in. But when you are making as much as M&S, you can afford to be frank. In Britain, for instance,

despite low consumer confidence and rising unemployment, turnover has advanced



Uncertain outlook: Babcock's Erik Porter, left, finance director, and Oliver Whitehead, chief executive

(albeit marginally) to £2.2 billion and operating profits to £241 million. In America, the sales trend at Brooks Brothers and Kings Supermarkets is also moving the right way, despite a miserable retail environment, but, with Brooks Brothers margins still at only 1.9 per cent, there is much to do. In Canada, the radical surgery of last year has already trimmed operating

C\$2 million (£1.03 million). with break-even on target for

Yesterday's doubters pointed to the fact that almost £9 million of the pre-tax rise came from increased receivable interest. But that hardly does justice to a cash-flow that has cut gearing from 14.5 per cent to 9.8 per cent and will fund a £300 million

losses from C\$10.3 million to capital spend — on new stores and technology - this year.

A judiciously modest in-crease in interim dividend, from 2.1p to 2.2p, says much about the uncertainty hanging over the crucial second half, but something over £700 million looks possible. But, even after yesterday's fall, the shares — at 327½p — look expensive on a price-earnings multiple of over 19.

Babcock

AT 294p, shares of Babcock International Group have more than halved in the past five months. Yesterday's interim report for the six months ended September brought forward a month to try to calm market nerves does little to dispel the gloom. The interim dividend is

Recession catches up with Blacks Leisure

By Jon Ashworth

EXPENSIVE leases and a downturn in consumer spending saw pre-tax profits at Blacks Leisure, the camping goods and sportswear company, collapse from £2.2 mil-tion to £580,000 in the six months to end-August.

An 'exceptional gain of £185,000 on the sale of a property in High Wycombe, Bucks, prevented the results from being even worse. Earnings per share fell from 6.4p to 1.68p. The interim dividend is reduced from 1.1p to 0.7Sp. Simon Bentley, chairman,

said high street trading conditions were very difficult and showed little sign of improv-ing. Blacks Camping has proved resilient but the First Sports outlets have suffered from fierce price competition. Blacks is exposed on two fronts. It has to carry the cost of prime locations and distrib-utes goods to retailers that are cutting back due to lower sales. The group's textile converting and merchandising subsidiary, S. Eker, has been closed at an extraordinary cost

of £8:8 million. Good progress has been made in expanding the Quaser range of football boots and sporting accessories. Blacks bought Quasersport from Warwick Sport & Leisure for E1.99 million in January. Tom Knight has been ap-

pointed managing director of the retail division, comprising First Sport, Blacks Camping and Alpine Sports.

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Jardine Math 473p (-16p)
De La Rue 636p (-23p)
Bowater 850p (-15p)
Pearson 342p (-31p)
Allied-Lyons 627p (-12p)
Guinness 533p (-16p)
Laporte 605p (-11p)
Delta 389p (-24p)
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FOR BALANCES OF		ROSS	%NET
£50,000 AND ABOVE £25,000 - £49,999		(8.27)	6.68 (6.20)
£10,000 - £24,999	8.00 7,40		6.00 (5.55) 5.55 (5.07)
£5.000 - £9.999	6,65	•	4.99 (4.51)
£500 - £4,999	6.35		4.76 -
MONEY MASTER ACCOUNT FOR BALANCES OF	•		
£20.000 AND ABOVE	7.15	(6,45)	5.36 (4.84)
£10,000 - £19,999	6.70		5.03 (4.50)
£5,000 - £9,999	5.85	(5.15)	4.39 (3.86)
£250 - £4,999	5.15	(4.45)	3.86 (3.34)
£1 - £249	1.50		1.13 -
TESSA	8.50		-
CHILDREN'S A/C	6.00		4.50
PREFERENCE SHARES DEPOSITS	1.50 1.50		1.13 1.13
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NON RESIDENTS A/C	5.65		_
CHARITIES A/C	5.65		_
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FOR BALANCES OF			
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£25,000 - £49,999	7.15		5.36 (4.84)
£10,000 - £24,999 £5,000 - £9,999	6.60 5.85		4.95 (4.43) 4.39 (3.86)
£5,000 - £9,999 £500 - £4,999	5.85 5.70	(\$.15) -	4.39 (3.86) 4.28 -
INVESTING SHARES	1.85	-	1.39
SOVEREIGN SHARES	2.65		1.99
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£25,000 AND ABOVE	5.50		4.13
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£500 - £24,999	5.00		3.75
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STOCK MARKET

BA runs into turbulence over broker's profits markdown

airline group Dan-Air, ran into turbulence in late trading with the price dropping 14 2 p to 281p as more than 8 million changed hands.

Kleinwort Benson, the broker, rattled the market by downgrading its pre-tax profit current year from £350 million to less than £300 million and for 1993 by £80 million to around £320 million. Kleinwort took its action after studying the steady decline in revenue per passenger. The worldwide recession is also continuing to take its toll on the airline industry generally. Against this backdrop, airlines in America are reported to have started a new round of

The rest of the equity market is still bracing itself for another cut in bank base rates. Investors are hoping that the next cut will coincide with the Chancellor's speech tonight at the Mansion House. As a result, they were in no rush to open fresh positions and allowed prices to drift. The FT-SE 100 Index closed just below its best of the day with a fall of 19.4 at 2.650.4, having been 26.3 lower earlier in the session. A total of 517 million

Fears that the prolonged recession was starting to take its toll of Marks and Spencer left the shares 152p lower at 3272p. in spite of the group reporting a 19.5 per cent rise n half year pre-tax profits to £257.1 million. Sales of its autumn ranges have been encouraging, but M&S gave warning that consumer confioutcome for the second half. There is now growing concern that margins are starting to be

PRICES across the yield curve continued to make

headway, with investors continuing to pin their hopes on another imminent cut in bank

The short end of the market

is already discounting base

rates of 7 per cent and

continues to be strongly sup-

ported, with Exchequer 10 per cent 1996 climbing eight

ticks to £1104 and the new

stock Treasury 74 per cent 1998 rising 24 ticks to £2611/16 in its partly paid

form. But brokers say the

scope for improvement in

shorts is now limited and that

a 1-point reduction in base

rates is required to provide

On the futures market, the

long gilt touched £1013/16

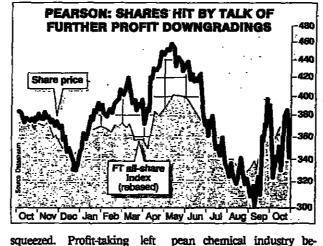
before ending at £100% as

33,500 contracts were compieted. In the cash market,

Treasury 84 per cent 2017 rose 29 ticks to £9825/32.

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squeezed. Profit-taking left Wellcome nursing a 15p fall at 985p after weighing in with a 25 per cent rise in full year pre-tax profits to £505 million. The bulk of the improvement stemmed from increased sales of Zovirax, its anti-herpes treatment, and of its anti-Aids drug Retrovir. Sales of Zovirax soared by more than 24 per cent, fuelled by demand from Japan. The Wellcome share

coming increasingly gloomier. Half-year figures from Babcock International were every bit as gloomy as feared, with profits pre tax tumbling from £23.6 million to £16.6 million. The interim dividend was cut and the group says that profits in the second half are likely to be only marginally better than in the first half. Babcock said it announced the results earlier price has been a strong market than expected because of the

group, fell 7p to 364p as a large line of stock went through the market. Warburg Securities and Cazenove placed a line of 9.5 million shares, around 9 per cent, with various institutions at 255p. They are believed to have paid 252p for the stake.

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of late after recovering from the sell-off by the Wellcome Trust earlier this year. ICI fell 23p to £10.50 before

publication of third-quarter figures later today which are expected to make grim reading. County NatWest, the broker, is forecasting a 25 per cent decline in pre-tax profits that trading conditions have deteriorated across the group with the outlook for the Euro-

volatility of the shares price. IMI fell 7p to 223p after Kleinwort Benson cut its pretax profit forecast for the current year from £71 million to £64 million. The engineerstarted taking an increasingly pessimistic view of prospects for the industry.

Market bears were having a shares dropped 31p to 342p pany was about to be struck by

downgradings. Pearson, whose interests range from Lazard merchant bank to The Financial Times, Madame Tussauds, Penguin Publishing and Royal Doulton china, has been hard hit by the

Analysts started down-grading their estimates from in the summer following confirmation from the company that its publishing and printing operations were finding the going difficult. Current forecasts are pitched at around £140 million.

Yesterday a story circulating suggested that Cazenove, the company's broker, is now poised to cut its estimates ahead of a visit to the group's provincial newspaper opera-

Both the electricity and water utilities attracted support before the interim dividend season. County NatWest expects both sectors to outper-form and is advising thatthis is an opportunity to pick up income at a time when equity dividends in most sectors are at best unreliable. Among electricity distribu-

Among electricity distribu-tors there were gains for Eastern, 5p to 379p, East Midland, 9p to 389p, London, 8p to 415p, North-ern, 8p to 428p, Norweb, 10p to 420p, Seeboard, 10p to 413p, Southern, 9p to 396p, South West 6s to 415p and with West, 6p to 416p and Yorkshire 8p to 447p.

Among the water com-panies Anglian rose 11p to 450p. Northumbrian 11p to 537p, North West 6p to 461p. Severn Trent 9p to 433p, Southern 10p to 430p, South West 12p to 471p, Thames 13p to 480p, Weish 5p to 490p, Wessex 9p to 555p and Yorkshire 12p to 501p.

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New York — Shares were flat

Bargain hunters lift Dow

in late morning trading, but selective bargain hunting sent the Dow Jones industrial average inching ahead to 3,242.76, up 7.03.Alan Ackerman, of Reich and Co, said: "Impacting the market is the duration of this extremely it leave companie recognity."

ly slow economic recovery."

☐ Hong Kong — Equity prices slid in afternoon trading on rumours about a state-

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ment Governor Patten was

due to make after the market closed. The Hang Seng index tumbled 91.03 points to finish at 6,126.98.

Tokyo — Shares ended lower on funeres-linked selling formers and grains.

ing, giving up earlier gains. Overall, trade was directionless with an estimated 200 million shares traded. The Nikkei average finished 116.85 points lower, or 0.68

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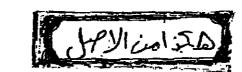
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Progress to more honest accounts

he underlying purpose of new accounting standards, of which FRS3 is the most important yet, is to stop users of accounts being so easily misled. There is a trade-off though. Users of new-style accounts may lose the full certainty of supposedly sustainable earnings figures, but benefit more in the long run from the ensuing rethink. Earnings will be far more volatile. But the ability of management to fudge and obfuscate by cherry picking the accounting treatment that suits best will be much reduced. Meanwhile, conventional investment yardsticks based on earnings per share will be jettisoned or severely impaired.

The tyranny of the price earnings ratio required the assumption that earnings per share should progress in a steady and predictable way, at least at the normal company. The new principle of showing what used to be extraordinary income and charges in basic pre-tax profit or loss challenges that assumption. Unscrupulous company promoters and finance directors were not, however, responsible for the tyranny of the p/e ratio. Nor were compliant auditors. It was imposed by users, notably fund managers, securities analysts and lenders. By now, it has become a critical building block of portfolio management and a central, if destructive, element in investment culture.

The p/e ratio was supposed to rank companies, round an index average, by their expected rate of earnings growth and risk. If this were combined with the assumption that the stock market had perfect knowledge, then the shares of different companies could be treated as broadly homogenous. As a glance at a typical day's business pages of The Times will confirm, the idea that the market has perfect knowledge is as absurd as the cosiness of the p/e ratio. Yet many of the largest portfolios are basically constructed this way. The main decisions in such strategic portfolios are about different economies and currencies rather than individual stocks.

If users accept the thrust of the accounting reforms, which imply they have been living in a dream world, they would be forced to pay far more attention to individual companies and their managements. Investment would then become more companycentred. That would be a great triumph for David Tweedie and his supporters.

More likely, existing thinking will be adapted. For instance, fund managers have not been able to rely on the simple p/e ratio for investing in Japanese or German groups, where meaningful consolidation and 100 per cent ownership of subsidiaries have not been as in Britain or America. Instead of adjusting profits and earnings for accounting nasties, as some investment analysts have traditionally done, they could adjust them for the new accounting niceties. Some securities houses will, for instance try to recreate a "normal" earnings figure for use in the p/e

more positive approach would be to use dividend yields rather than earnings as the starting point for total return projections. That would change the way company boards think. More emphasis would be put on dividends to iron out fluctuations in trade and reported profits. The artificial dividend can be just as distorting as artificial requirements for stable reported profits, as insurance companies discovered. The increasing realism forced into dividends during the recession may have produced a solid base for relatively steady progress. During a period of falling interest rates, yields will automatically come into sharper focus. The City has supported accounting reform, albeit sometimes in lukewarm fashion, on the assumption that it would make accounts more honest and thereby remove traps for unwary investors and lenders. In the end. it could affect users' thinking more than the companies directly affected by reform.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Major's gambles will leave diners at Mansion House poker faced

Anatole Kaletsky

believes the prime

minister has become

dangerously addicted to playing games of Call

My Bluff

his evening, Norman Lamont will try to restore the government's economic credibility in his Mansion House speech. He need not bother. Neither the financial markets nor the business community are much interested in what Mr Lamont has to say.
Mr Lamont is a spent force. He tried to chart a sensible policy for economic recovery after Black Wednesday, but lost the battle for the prime minister's ear. He was humiliated by the Europhiles when they forced him to make a vacuous speech about infla-tion instead of growth, to the Conser-vative conference. To judge by the Treasury's astonished denials after John Major's televised economic Uturn, the prime minister did not even bother to inform his Chancellor

about the new "policy for growth".
But even if tonight's speech were delivered by the prime minister himself, the markets and business community might no longer care. Despite calls from the City and CBI for a "clear new framework" for economic policy, businessmen and investors will now judge the government by actions, not words. Interest rates will be determined not by any "monetary framework" announced by the Chancellor tonight, but by the imperatives of rapid economic recovery and day-to-day political survival.

And thank goodness for that A politician's calculation of how to hang on to power may not seem the best basis for economic management, but it is a great deal better than quasi-religious obeisance to arbitrary monetary targets, exchange rates, medium term financial strategies and other relics of dogmatic monetarism.

There are, of course, times when monetarism can be a better foundation for economic policy than political opportunism, but this is not one. By the halfway stage of an economic upswing, monetary targets can have an important disciplinary function. They can offer governments cover for the unpopular decisions needed to keep inflation in check. "Our job is to the party is getting merry," central bankers used to say in the 1960s. Since most economic commentators and central bankers are trend-followers who fall in with the prevailing wisdom, they normally miss the moment when the policy emphasis should be switched from promoting growth to curbing inflation.

Today, however, a bit of monetary high jinx can do no harm and that is certainly in store, judging by the Dutch auction on interest rates that broke out last week after Mr Major's



U-turn. Many of the former guardians of anti-inflationary virtue who were calling for 12 per cent interest rates two months ago to defend sterling, have suddenly decided that rates could be safely cut to 5 per cent or less. I personally would not go below 6 per cent, and then only in conjunction with a tough public spending and pay round. Even so, interest rates should fall sharply and soon. With the world economy in deep recession the inflatioary dangers of lower interest rates are minimal.

Unfortunately, a politicised monetary policy presents another serious problem, apart from inflation. It turns the personal psychology of the ic issue, as the past few weeks show.

After unshackling itself from the ERM on September 16. Britain seemed to be set on a sensible and predictable economic course (any-body not imbued with Treasury dogma could predict that evening that interest rates would be down to 7 per cent by Christmas). But soon after the devaluation something went wrong, which accounts. I believe, for the dspair that has settled on the business community, despite the obvious economic benefits of devaluation. It turned out that John Major was not just an ordinary politician who could be relied on to pursue a policy that would restore his popularity and keep him in power.

A normal politician would have

tried to show that the "black" of Black Wednesday was actually the "white" of a much easier monetary policy, as Norman Lamont suggested. But Mr Major had a different idea. Britain had just lost the most expensive poker game in history to the currency speculators, but he refused to fold. instead, he seemed determined to play again and again, taking on all corners. On Black Wednesday, the prime minister ran out of money. 10Us. This week he pulled the deeds to his house in Downing Street out of his breast pocket and slapped them on the table, in the best Mississippi riverboat style. Predictably, the deeds turned out to be fakes.

do not know Mr Major personally, but judging by his political behaviour, his oddest psychological trait has nothing to do with junk food: the prime minister seems to be a compulsive gambler. Why else would he deliber-

No time to consult

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Dan-Air sale to BA

ately bring forward an unnecessary confrontation with the Eurosceptics and then try to bluff them into submission with his implausible general election threat? As any poker player knows, the first thing Mr Major should have done after losing on Black Wednesday was to stop playing for high stakes until he had a clear winning hand. To try another bluff with his very next hand, as Mr Major did over the miners, was folly. To bluff three times with three successive weak hands suggests some

kind of compulsion. What has all this to do with monetary policy and Britain's economic outlook? Unfortunately, a financial expectations about inflation two features that are highly relevant to economic policy generally, and to monetary policy in particular.

Firstly, excessive gambling, like any other addiction, is often used as an escape from reality. People are drawn to gambling because they cannot face the responsibilities of their daily lives. In the two years since he became prime minister. Mr Major has presided over the greatest desolation the British economy has suffered for 60 years. But instead of doing anything about the recession,

into a two-year contest with the financial markets to defend an arbitrary exchange rate. Until last Tuesand the miners finally opened his eyes, Mr Major found the battle of wills over sterling absorbing enough to distract him completely from the economic carnage around him.

One of the main reasons for the scale of the revolt against Europe this week has been the dreadful realisation by many Tories that last week's U-turn on economic policy may not have been final. The prime minister had promised to make "a policy for economic growth" his highest priority, yet by the weekend he was back at e gambling table, betting against his government on a trial of strength over Maastricht. The needs of the economy had been demoted to a distant second place. Given the difficulty the government is bound to have in pushing through unpopular measures to curb public spending and pay, international investors are naturally disturbed when he chooses to stake his scarce political capital on peripheral issues like Maastricht - hence, the sharp fall in sterling seen this

ne gambling metaphor has somewhat happier monetary implications, which bring us back to the Mansion House speech: Gambling, espe-cially poker, is based on institutionalised lying. The Chancel-lor made this clear to the Treasury select committee when he explained that the long series of manifestly untrue statements he made before the devaluation were needed to preserve credibility - ie, bluff the markets. The falsehoods disseminated by the Treasury in its efforts to bluff the markets have ranged from ludicrously unrealistic predictions - for instance that withdrawal from the ERM would lead to higher interest rates - to straight lies — for example, that the exchange rate would have no lasting

effect on exports.

All of this bluffing and deception has not just been political propaganda. It has been the heart of an economic policy that goes back far before Mr Major. Ever since 1980. the high priests of monetarist ortho-doxy brought into the newly politicised Treasury have believed in a doctrine called "rational expectations", which essentially argues that the government's main job is not to - run the real economy but to influence

Now that the prime minister and Treasury have publicly lost their shirts in this game of political bluff. no new "commitments" on monetary growth, inflation or anything else will be believed. There is only one way for the Chancellor to make his words tonight remotely credible. He must sack the top Treasury officials who encouraged the government to turn monetary policy into a poker game. And he must put John Major in touch with Gamblers Anonymous. The phone number is 081-74 1 4 181.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Dove's wings clipped WHATEVER the date of the

next election, members of the cabinet - among them Kenneth Clarke, Michael Heseltine and Michael Howard are likely to find transportation between their various nationwide appointments a more arduous affair than last time. For the man who supplied them with a private aeroplane — at a "heavily subsidised rate" - has fallen victim to the recession. RSJ Aviation, a Battersea air charter broker, founded by old-Etonian Raymond Salisbury-Jones, 59, has gone into liquidation. Reading philisophically through a pile of thank you letters penned, among others, by Chris Patien, then Conservative party chairman, thanking him for his "generous support" and Lord Tebbit, Salisbury-Jones insists he harbours no birrer sentiments towards his former passengers, and will, he adds, continue to vote Conservative. 'I was born in an age when the commitment to honour thy father and mother meant you also adhered to their political beliefs. I am a traditional Tory." The most distressing part of RSJ's liquidation is, he says, the enforced sale of the plane used by the ministers, a 1948 six-passenger de Havilland Dove - recently re-furbished at a cost of £600,000

 likely to now fetch £250,000. In his efforts to find it a good home, he has enlisted Beverley Lady Annaly, widow of the late Lord Annaly, a former Greenwell partner, on the basis that, if successful, a fee-but what was not so well



ing for the young deaf.

T&G takes three

GOOD news, at least, at Teather & Greenwood, the broker, where senior partner Jeremy Delmar-Morgan is still recruiting. He has just taken on Vic Andrews from Greenwell Montagu and David Whitehead - 29 years with Warburgs - to boost his sales trading team. They will join Derek Samson, who arri-ved from BZW just six months ago. Delmar-Morgan is, he says, also keen to get a share of the action in the now buzzing food manufacturing sector and has recruited analyst Tim Tickler from recently disbanded Gilbert Eliott just in time to cover the RHM bid.

Job finder

AT LAST the truth can be revealed: the much publicised arrival of Tony Edwards at TI

known was that a story in these pages prompted his ap-pointment. The Times report-ed on October 10 that Ed-wards, one of the heavyweights in the aerospace industry, was unhappy with his employer, Lucas Industries. He had learned that his chairman and chief executive, Sir Anthony Gill, intended to stay on longer than originally envisaged, thereby excluding him from the chief executive's role. According to TI's director of public affairs. Tony Sumner, it was that article which drew its attention to Edwards and the possibility that he might be on the market. An approach was then made. But this paper has, of course, forgone a headhunters fee.

Olive strikes out

STEPS by Smith New Court to slim its futures and options team last month have worked out well for James Capel which has hired Michael Maras, ex-SNC, as a UK derivatives analyst. Maras has three degrees under his belt, speaks French, Greek and German and nearly became a professional footballer in Athens. "I will be acting as a link with the equities team," says Maras, 27, and known in the market as "Olive the Greek". Anxious to explain, Maras adds, Three or four Michaels sat near me at Smith and it got confusing. At lunch one day, I admitted to liking Greek olives and the name stuck." In a separate swoop, Capel has poached Nigel Tillett from Barings to join its Liffe dealing team from Monday.

BUSINESS LETTERS.

Brussels blamed for Whitehall's sins From Mr Bryan Cassidy. too, that the deregulation unit

MEP for Dorset East and Hampshire West (European People's Party (Conservative))

Sir, Mr John Brace draws attention to the problem of the new draft fire precautions regulations concerning places of work (Business Letters, October 22). Meeting the requirements of the regulations will cost a good deal more than the £1.7 billion which he calculates, as well as pushing a number of firms out of business.

However, the problem of which he so rightly complains does not originate in Brussels but in Whitehall. The Home Office Draft Fire Precautions (Places of Work) Regulations 1992 are draconian. But, they are not based on any European Community regulations. in spite of what the Home Office may say to the contrary. The Health and Safety Commission and the Confedera-tion of British Industry have both protested at the absurd lengths to which the draft regulations go. I understand,

far beyond the requirements 89/654. I have raised the matter

in the Department of Trade

with the President of the Board of Trade, who informs me that he understands "that the strong opposition from all quarters has persuaded the Home Office to pause and think again".

letter is an example of how British officialdom seems to be trying to create an unlevel playing field, to make it more difficult for British business to compete in the single market. It seems to me that "Brussels" often gets blamed for things which should be more proper ly laid at the door of "Whitehall". Yours faithfully BRYAN CASSIDY. Constituency HQ, The Stables, White Cliff Gardens.

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Yours faithfully,

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Chemical reaction to Gatt warfare

From Mr John Cox Sir, May I add the voice of the UK chemical industry to the debate about the Uruguay Round of the GATT. The chemical industry is the UK manufacturing sector's number one export earner with exports valued at £13.8 billion last year and a current surplus on the balance of payments of over £2 billion. These are divided equally between the

other world-wide markets. Clearly, therefore, a failure of the GATT round and a resultant tit-for-tat war will especially damage our market CAROL LEONARD | access and our trading pros-

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to BA will have explained much of the situation which led the board of Davies & Newman to conclude that it had no alternative but to proceed without first seeking shareholder consent. As such, this substantially provided a response to the issue raised by vour Comment column on this None the less, Mr Brace's

subject on Tuesday. The requirements of the 1986 Insolvency Act placed a clear obligation upon the board to act in the best interest of creditors, with £43 million trade creditors wholly at risk in the event of a collapse into receivership.
With insufficient borrowing

facilities available to enable the company to continue to trade for the period which would have been required to obtain shareholder consent. the board was left with no alternative but to seek the consent of the London Stock Exchange to waive the usual procedure. Without this, the certain alternative would have been the immediate collapse of the company and a probable total loss for the unsecured creditors.

A receivership would also have lost the substantial additional benefits which are now expected to result for the continued employment of hundreds of staff and in the better redundancy terms which will apply for those staff who will not remain employed.

Yours faithfully DAVID N. JAMES, Chairman, Davies & New-10 Greycoat Place, SW1.

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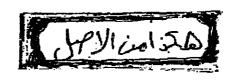
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FRS 3 levels the playing field

Neil Bennett gives an outline of the

main provisions included in the

ASB's new financial reporting standard

COMPANY accounts will be transformed by the Financial Reporting Standard 3, published yesterday by the Accounting Standards Board. The standard practically abolishes extraordinary items and introduces a new style of profit abuse of existing standards.

FRS 3 introduces a new primary financial statement of company gains and losses. in value of company assets and how it affects the company's real value and will also prevent companies concealing adverse currency movements. Accounts must also include a table of the movement in shareholders' funds and a note on historical cost profits to account for long-term effect of asset revaluations on the profit and loss account.

The details of FRS 3 are



Not ideal, but a long way towards stamping out abuse: David Tweedie, ASB chairman

based on FRED 1, the draft standard released last December. It comes into force from June 22 next year. The intention behind FRS 3 is to shift emphasis in company analysis away from headline figures such as pre-tax profits and eps. Instead the profit and loss account will contain a matrix of information on trading and benefits of acquisitions or

sales. Under FRS 3. businesses must break down turnover and operating profits from existing businesses, discontinued operations and acquisi-

tions. This will expose companies which rely on ac-quisitions for growth, while continuing business stagnates. Companies must then include profits or losses from closing or selling subsidiaries or prop-

erties in their pre-tax profits. Most of these used to be treated as extraordinaries, below the line and excluded from eps calculations.

This will have a big effect on company analysis. Profit and earnings figures will no longer he a reliable indicator of company trading but will fluctuate as disposals occur. Readers of accounts will have to

be optional in a set of accounts, particularly where a company is selling assets revalwriting back revaluation gains and depreciation charges, the table will give readers a more accurate picture of the gains a company has made from its investments. Finally the move-ment of shareholders' funds provides a complete summary. of a company's finances during a period and brings together contributions from trading, acquisitions and sales, and share issue benefits.

David Tweedie, ASB chairman, admits FRS 3 is not ideal. Accounting abuse is too common and varied for a single standard. But FRS 3 will give company watchers a wealth of new information. Reporting Financial Performance, Financial Reporting Standard 3 (E5.00 inc p&p). Accountancy Books, PO Box 620, Central Milton Keynes MK9 21X, Tel: 0908 668833.

Bank's choir sounded slightly out of tune

supposed to have communicating with the outside world are as nothing compared to the phenomenal quantity of utter incomprehen-sion documented by last week's Bingham report on the supervision of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

But this time it is not just accountants who are not getting what they really mean across to those whom they wish to warn. It is just about everybody in the whole sorry saga. One of the Bank of England witnesses does

come up with a phrase which would cover most of the problems. Talking of how from the very start of BCCI's banking efforts: everyone had doubts, rumours were rife, yet no one could ever come up with the facts which would confirm all this he told Bingham simply that "the words never matched the

The surprise is still that the auditors, great job though they did later on in tracking down the frauds, had no suspicions even quite late on in the proceedings.
In 1987 when both Ernst & Young and

Price Waterhouse were competing to be made sole auditor we learn that "neither firm"

entertained the slightest suspicion of the fraud and malpractice which were ultimately revealed. Within Price Waterhouse there were differences of opinion about taking on the audit, but it appears from the evidence given to the inquiry that these sprang from recognition of the difficulty of the task, not from doubts about the trustworthiness of the client".

But the real surprise is that no one managed to communicate real doubts effectively when they did arise. And, perhaps less surprisingly, everyone starts to keep bits back from each other. In particular this is true of the government of Abu Dhabi and Price Waterhouse, though

judging from the report, the faults seem to have been mostly on the Abu Dhabi side. When it gets close to crunch time, the Bank of England hardly seems to notice anything.

Talking of the Price Waterhouse report to the Bank in October 1990, Bingham simply says: "I find it hard to understand why the fitness and properness aspects of this report made so little impact on the minds of those who read it at the Bank". You can virtually see Bingham shoving his wig back and shaking his head in amazement through much of the later part of the saga. "The Bank's muted reactions

THE famous problems that accountants are probably led Price Waterhouse to feel that the supposed to have communicating with the Bank was not greatly concerned about the misdeeds of former management. They could scarcely have appreciated the extent to which their earlier signals had not been received", for example.

It is hard to make sense of this. The accountancy profession has worked very hard in recent years to find a way out of the sometimes highly inconvenient stranglehold of client confidentiality and enable auditors to communicate serious doubts to the regulatory

Here were Price Waterhouse doing precisely this in, by and large, exemplary and graphic ways yet no one seemed at all worried.
Even the fateful Section 4! report which
Price Waterhouse carried out at the Bank's
behest and which finally led to the penny dropping at the Bank seems to have been the result of a complete misunderstanding.

Referring to the Bank's commissioning letter to Price Waterhouse, Bingham says: "Price Waterhouse took it as a formal instruction to investigate and report on all the malpractice in the group. I very much doubt if the Bank so intended or undestood it." So

even when the Bank does get something right it is by pure accident and further misunderstanding. With regulators like this you can understand the trepidation with which anyone would suggest increasing the amount of regulation. Yet that surely must be the way forward. We must just hope that the quality of the accountants work will shore up the regulators' abili-ty and continue to turn myopia into sharpness of vision. It will be hard. The example of an embarrassing, though fashionable. "Uturn" by the English ICA within the report does not help. Talking of the need to extend the auditors' duty to report doubts to the relevant

regulators an institute witness convinces Bingham early on in the inquiry that

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legislation is the answer. Then "after giving the matter further thought" the institute changes its mind. Bingham disagrees with them, sticks to his guns and makes his recommendation. On publication last week the institute welcomed his proposal. It is no wonder people have trou-ble when the words fail to match the music.

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ERIC Tait has stepped in to fill the gap left at Pannell Kerr Forster after Claude Brown, international chairman, died in July. Brown, 52, who had an all embracing role at PKF, suffered a heart attack after a bout of waterskiing. Frank Hughes, who heads PKFs American operations, is acting as international chairman until July 1993 when he hands over to Tim Richmond, the UK managing partner. Tait, a former army officer who resigned as secretary of the Scottish institute in 1989 after attempts to merge with the ICA failed, is effectively running the show and has been visiting practices around the

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world. He becomes international executive director in addition to his role as director of European operations.



THE ICA has signed up Judith Chaplin, MP for Newbury, as its new parlia-mentary adviser to replace John Watts who left to become chairman of the treasury and civil service select committee. Matthew Patient, senior technical partner at Coopers & Lybrand, has been elected chairman of the International Auditing Practices Committee from January.

Ring master

SPARE a thought for Peter Byatt of Stoy Hayward who is trying to find a buyer for Britain's only surviving resident circuses. Hard times have

caught up with the Hippo-drome circus in Great Yar-mouth and the Big Top at the Blackpool pleasure beach, which called in receivers at the end of the summer. Stoys was previously receiver to a third resident circus - in Moscow.

TWO lost trans-Atlantic ocean balloonists finally see land. "Excuse me," one of them shouts to a lone figure on the ground. "Can you tell us where we are?" The lone figure looks up and shouts back: "About 30 feet off the ground any chance?" "Yes, why do you ask?" "Because the information you gave me, whilst factually correct, was completely useless."

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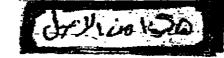
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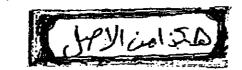
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CINEMA: Geoff Brown reviews the new releases and Ismail Merchant tells how Hollywood finally returned his calls

The soldier, his wife and her terrorist lover

The Crying Game (Curzon West End, 18) Glengarry Glen Ross (Odeon Haymarket, 15) Boomerang (Plaza, 15) Unlawful Entry (Odeon Leicester Square, 18) Mon Père, Ce Héros (Curzon Phoenix, PG)

ver the last few years, keeping faith with the trish writer and director Neil Jordan has proved difficult. His films turned flabby, transatiantic; they lost spice and personality. Last year's The Miracle saw a marked improvement: he was back in Ireland, with a modest budget, and a quirky script. The recovery accelerates in the dynamic, surprising The Crying Game, part political thriller, part obsessive love story, and Jordan's best film since Mona Lisa.

The original title, The Soldier's Wife, catches the essence much better. The soldier, Jody, is black, English, and serves in Northern Ireland, where he is kidnapped by the IRA. He strikes up a relationship with his guardian Fergus who is surprised to discover a human being behind the abstract label "hostage". Jody is killed, but accidentally; and Fergus flees to a new life in London, bucking the recession by landing a building site iob with ease.

Enter the wife, an East End hairdresser, bewitching, mysterious, who sings soulful ditties—
"The Crying Game" for one—in a bar. Guilt drives Fergus to seek her out. Then the plot veers sharply down alleys best left for the surprised spectator to explore. Politically, the film sits on the

fence, which might aggravate some. No judge-ment is offered about the Irish troubles; Jordan's concern is to strip charactective clothing. leaving them people talking' vulnerable to the heart's crazy urgings. Early stretches con-

firm Jordan's great gift for character depiction through dialogue. Stephen Rea is in his element as Fergus, the terrorist who finds his commitment wobbling; and the American Forest Whitaker, though nobody's idea of a lad from Tottenham, conveys great warmth. even with his face hooded.

Once the scene shifts to London. parallels with Mona Lisa multiply. from the seedy environment to the bemused white hero entangled with an exotic black (the soldier's wife, played by Jaye Davidson, a tantalising newcomer). Eventually, Jordan's hold on the story slips, but enough dark atmosphere and wit remains to make The Crying Game essential viewing. This is that genuine rarity: a bold British film. bound to get people talking.

Glengarry Glen Ross was first announced as a film in 1987.

David Mamet's Pulitzer Prizewinner has lost some of the edge off its topicality; these desperate realestate salesmen, clawing each other's throats for business, remain creatures of the rapacious Eighties, before the bubble burst. But the play's linguistic ferocity survives. The dialogue hurtles from characters' mouths: humble speech banged into poetic shape by a

master of the American vernacular. Mamet's own script opens up the action, but keeps the sense of claustrophobia and panic as, lured by the bait of a Cadillac prize and the threat of unemployment, they race to sell off dubious properties. There are excellent, high-tension performances from Alan Arkin, Ed Harris and Al Pacino.

Jack Lemmon's star turn is more problematical. His character, the weary old-timer Shelley, stands centrestage for most of the time. His barrage of tricks, tics and nervous laughs certainly convinced the Venice Film Festival jury; they gave him the Best Actor prize. An award for scenery chewing might be more accurate.

James Foley, director of After Dark My Sweet, contributes his own brand of artifice. The wide screen is filled with long sinuous takes, fancy nochunal lightning, and abundant rain beating on windows pleasurable though they windows: pleasurable, though they can distract from the cut and thrust of the dialogue. Crackling with energy, Glengarry Glen Ross ultimately hovers in limbo: not quite the play, not quite a film.

Boomerang is definitely a film,

and a bad one. Thirty years ago, this dishevelled comedy about a

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Madison Avenue Lothario cut down to size by feisty women might bave starred Rock Grant Now Eddie Murphy, preening, as-sumes the role in a career move designed to widen his appeal.

The few mo-ments when the old impish Murphy surfaces only emphasise how lazy a performer he has become since the days of Beverly Hills Cop. Obsequious direction by Reginald Hudlin hardly helps.

Murphy, marketing executive for a cosmetics firm, lays siege to his new boss Robin Givens. But the glamorous Givens shows him the cold shoulder; contrary to audience expectations, Murphy spends most time with Halle Berry, a sensitive flower who organises art classes for local kids. He tells her she's made him a better person, though Mur-phy ends the film as selfish and sexist as ever.

Unlawful Entry is one of those aggravating thrillers where the villain stands out by a mile, but the imperilled heroine takes no notice. After suffering an attempted armed robbery at home, Kurt Russell and Madeleine Stowe get the police to fix "the best security system known to man". Ray Liotta of the LAPD worms his way into the couple's affections, and sets his sights on stealing Stowe for himself. Russell realises that Liotta is, in his phrase, "an out-of-control sicko" long be-



From opposite sides of the fence: Jaye Davidson as a soldier's widow and Stephen Rea as a terrorist on the run in Neil Jordan's The Crying Game

fore the gullible Stowe. By the end all the old tricks have been hauled out the chutched chopping knife; the silhouette in the shower, the body that will not stay dead.

Jonathan Kaplan, usually a thoughtful director, shows his best qualities in the early scenes, when characterisations still have some shading, and the film stays within sight of reality. But the box-office demon must be fed. So out come the biffs, bonks and blood, the extravagant plot-turns designed to

whip spectators into a frenzy. Last week he discovered America. This week he spends Christmas in Mauritius with his 15-year-old daughter. Life is hectic for Gérard Depardieu, though the French potboiler Mon Père, Ce Hèros hardly taxes him. Gérard Lauzier's film adds little to the well-worn subject of the French en vacances.

Depardieu occupies the days in capacious shirts and floppy hats, making the best of a feeble script that requires him to play Chopin at the piano, and pose as a spy who

holds his daughter in thrall.

Marie Gillain, meanwhile, as his lissom offspring, loses her heart to another young holiday-maker, moons on the beach, and shows off her swimwear collection. A heroine with greater sexual fire might have sharpened the drama. As things stand, there is little to do except admire the scenery, note Depardieu's waistline, and yawn.

At long last, Hollywood

educed to biopic shorthand the scenario would go like this: rookie independent film producer goes to Hollywood and the big time: two unhappy associations with the studio system demonstrate that his principles of high standards and thrift are inimical to their formulaic and extravagant films; he kicks the Californian dust off his heels to injunctions of "Don't call us . .

Decades pass; the hero has become a leading force in independent production, confounding the movie establishment with outstanding films that prove small budgets and high production values are not mutually exclusive Meanwhile, Hollywood begins to crumble under its excesses; major com-panies are folding; there is only one man who can save them ... they make the call.

That the Hollywood adventures of Ismail Merchant, cinema's most unorthodox operator, should conform to the very conventions he so despises is an inescapable irony. Even the Hollywood call came dramatically, at 3am, in the elegant, 18th-century, hilltop chateau overlooking Cannes which Mer-chant had rented for the film festival this year. He was asleep in a turret, two floors and many corridors away from the only telephone. and could not normally have heard

it ring. Instinct woke him. The call was from Columbia Pictures, who were committed to a film of Kazuo Ishiguro's Booker Prize-winning novel, The Remains of the Day. But after four years in development they were unable to bring it in for much under \$30 million. Merchant's latest film, Howards End, directed, as always, by his parmer James Ivory, had recently opened to brilliant reviews and explosive box office. It had cost just \$8 million. How much, Columbia wanted to know, could Merchant make the Ishiguro for? Even at 3am Merchant didn't miss a beat: \$11.5 million with Anthony Hopkins. He knew, because three years earlier he had considered making the film himself but the

rights had already gone.
Two months later, Hollywood was surprised by the announcement that Merchant had agreed to a three-year deal with Disney. Since then. Warner Brothers have asked him to make a film for them.

The advantage to the three studios of the Merchant Ivory connection is obvious, but why the volte-face from Hollywood's liercest critic? "We are still totally independent," Merchant states unequivocally. "We could never go into any deal where we relinquish artistic control or the freedom to make the kind of film we've always made. For us, this means our next five projects are pre-sold to America be getting \$10 million."

Howards End may be the start of the big time for the British film-making team

Merchant Ivory. Anna Kythreotis reports



Ismail Merchant: his media image is as a benign, puckish figure

The Americans were not alone in

supposing they might learn some-

thing from Merchant. The then

minister for national heritage,

David Mellor, invited the producer

to lunch soon after his return from

Cannes. But the problems facing

the movie industry in Britain are,

considers Merchant, of a graver

and backed by stable distribution and promotion." This is an impor-tant consideration, given that How-ards End almost did not make it to the screen, when the completed film became caught up in the legal wrangles of the collapse of both its American and British distributors.

Orion and Palace Pictures. The Bombay-born producer, now 55 years old and celebrating a triumphant thirtieth year in the business, was in an expansive, discursive mood as he travelled (second class, British Rail - Hollywood or not, nothing changes) to the West Country location where Remains was being filmed. "We could have been wrapping by now but it took the Hollywood bureaucrats three months to prepare the six-page contract." he barks. "That's where their money goes not on the screen, but on lawyers, accountants, businessmen."

nature than those of America "Over here there is a problem of spirit which is very damaging."

And he blames the current inertia not only on government policies but on the passive attitude of the movie community itself and the lack of encouragement towards its own film-makers. There are, he concedes, lessons to be learned from the way he operates but he is cautious of being perceived as a movie guru delivering glib ser-mons. We are unconventional film-makers. We have established our own method and made it work. If others want to follow our example they are welcome to. Our chief principles have always been a good script, sensitive direction, and economy."

But that is to underestimate the value of his own dynamics: his instinct for people, projects and timing, his ability to draw top actors for small change, his brava-do in trusting unblooded talent on both sides of the camera, and his froideur when tossing aside the rule-book...He has frequently committed the cardinal sin of staking his own money on projects. even putting up as collateral his most valuable asset, the library of

Merchant Ivory films.

Now he has carte blanche on \$12 million budgets. He imposed that ceiling himself: "Otherwise we could end up spending \$40 million on a film and I would be in the same dilemma as many other producers. We won't go crazy. I mean, we are crazy, but we won't go

An altogether different arms race

BRITAIN's oldest national muse-um, the Royal Armouries, revealed this week what shape its new museum in Leeds will take. Architectural and design details for the new building, the centrepiece of a redevelopment in the Clarence Dock area of the city, went on display in the House of Commons

The government has committed £20 million to the building, and the city has also pledged support, but substantial commercial funds are needed if the museum — mooted since 1989 as a way of overcoming since 1989 as a way of overcoming the chronic space shortage within the Tower of London — is to meet its target 1996 opening date. A creative team, including the archi-tects Derek Walker Associates and Henning Larsen, the theatre designer John Bury and the interior designer John Wright, has come up with a scheme that runs a public street through the museum and has a huge glass-walled octagonal tow-er called the "Hall of Steel", which combines the main staircase and wall displays of armour.

NEXT month's 70th anniversary of Marcel Proust's death is to be celebrated by a musical return to temps pends. A programme of vocal and chamber music by Proust's Parisian contemporaries Saint-Saêns, Debussy, Franck, Fauré, and Hayn - will attempt to



recreate the musical ambience out of which A la Recherche du Temps Perdu grew and in particular the kind of music that Proust imag-ined flowing from the pen of his fictional composer Vinteuil, whose violin sonata plays a central role in the novel's love affair between Swann and Odette. The concert is at St John's Smith Square on November 22.

Family show

TOMORROW night's Ulster Orchestra Concert in the Ulster Hall. Belfast, will be a truly family affair. Conducting will be Yan Pascal Tor-relier, son of the great cellist Paul Tortelier. The soloist in Saim-Saëns's first cello concerto will be Yan's mother, Maud — a distinguished cellist in her own right.

And the concert opens with a Handel sonata arranged years ago for full orchestra by Paul Tortelier.

Last chance . . . IF THE hippies had invented modern dance music it would have sounded like The Orb. The duo's chart-topping album U.F. Orb is a prime example of the spacey,



Yan Pascal Tortelier: see the "Family show" story, left

atmospheric soundscape music that has become known as ambient house: dance music for people who do not like dancefloors. As a live act The Orb are self-effacing to the point of anonymity and, despite an impressive lightshow, it is hard to tell where the DJ playing records over the sound-system ends and the band begins. They have sold out virtually every show on the tour which ends with dates at Sheffield University (0742 724076) tonight, Liverpool University (051 794 2000) tomorrow and Manchester Academy (061 275 4815) on Saturday and Sunday.

The media image of Merchant as a benign puckish figure, distributing good-will, charm and bowls of curry, is unrecognisable to those who have locked horns with him and discovered the formidable underside. He is, above all, fiendishly clever, and usually gets his own way simply by wrong-footing everyone else. Once, in negotiations with an important actor, Merchant asked his fee: "\$2 million," replied the actor. "\$2 million!" yelled Merchant, "That's absurd, ridiculous. Your agent's a fool - a great actor like you should

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

(tonight, 7 30pm), guitaret Reigh Towner plus Sheld Miseleku (tomorrow, 7.30pm) and the South African pianist Abdullah lixalism (Sun, 7 30pm). Calbot Hall, Cenery Wharf, late of Dogs, Landon E14 (071-418 2783).

WOZZECK: David Pountney's stylishly

squalid production of Berg's herrowing drama is revived by English National Opera, with Donald Manwell in the title role and Kristina Clestriski as Mane

Pichard Amistrong conducts. Collacum, Sr Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7 30pm.

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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on an incongruous approach to Indian legend

Puzzling encounter in the Punjab

THE story of Heer and Raniha apparently predates that of Romeo and Juliet by a century or two, and is at least as well known in the Punjab as Shakespeare's play is in Warwickshire or Verona. Indeed, Jatinder Verma tells us in the programme that there have been three film adaptations of the legend in India this year alone; and the stage version that his all-Asian Tara Arts Company has brought to east London does much to explain why. Seldom can a tale have been more likely to appeal to subcontinental

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BIRMINGHAM. Weish National Opera and the Birmingham Hippodrome have worked together to create a new musical play, Of Bricks and Bones, on the theme of abuse of power. The musical opens with the discovery of a dead body on a building site. Marylah Sutte, But Ring Shopping Centre, tonight-Sat, 7 45pm.

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nities for sedate song and dance.
The play, directed as well as written by Verma himself, describes how Ranjha leaves his plough and his growling, philistine brothers to seek his fortune with his flute. Beyond the River Chenab - which itself turns out to be a one-man chorus with hair like long, drooping horns — he falls in love with Heer, daughter of the ambitious gentleman-farmer whose herdsman he has become. It is an amour which causes the predictable ructions and one or two less predictable ones, mostly

moviegoers, offering as it does two

frustrated lovers and plenty of opportu-

involving Heer's uncle, a cripple with incestuous designs on her body. His request for "a little kiss from those moist lips", and Heer's feisty promise to "dangle you from the nearest tree and not by your good leg either, precipitate a family crisis. The flute-playing herdsman is sent pack-ing, then brought back when the cows stage a mini-rebellion in his support, and then banished yet again by Heer's father, who wants her to marry an

upper-crust dolt. Needless to say, it all

ends badly, notwithstanding Ranjha's

Heer Ranjha Theatre Royal, Stratford East

transformation into a lovelorn fakir and the intervention of the local Rajah and some unspecified weather-gods. The wicked uncle, armed with a poisoned chalice, sees to that.

I could have done with more of this character, especially since he is played with a nice, sly malice by Yogesh Bhatt. When he was limping balefully about. we knew exactly where we were. That was not the effect of Verma's produc-tion as a whole. Everywhere there was incongruity: spoken prose and bits of song; solemnity and facetiousness; period romance and vaguely didactic invocations of a woman's right to choose; British voices and Indian accents, along with very different styles

How to reconcile the crisp discipline of Shelley King and David Tse, who play Heer and Raniha and are graduates of Webber Douglas and Rose Bruford respectively, with the broad, florid acting of Bhagecrathi Bai, who brings an Indian education and Indian experience to several supporting parts? Verma cannot do it. and, more surprisingly, has yet to knock the more tractable elements of his production into a coherent whole. He could start by cutting (from a medieval ploughman) "only a bloody poof plays the flute"; but I suspect that most British theatregoers, and Indian



Crisply disciplined: Shelley King as Heer and David Tse as Raniha

THEATRE: Martin Hoyle hails a one-woman show

Role play and romance

Sex III BAC, Battersea

ON TUESDAY what is usually a onewoman show became a double-act for a few unnerving minutes. A man strode through the audience to the stage, and sat down to stare and mumble inaudibly at the performer. She carried on, tense but unfaltering, and the interloper eventually stamped out.

Speciators might be forgiven for thinking, as some did, that this was part of the play. Emily Woof's latest study of "sexuality, sexism, sexual roles and sex" entails the protean actress changing gender, age and shape, from starry-eyed young girl to egocentric diva to Geordie waiter. Inhabiting a the writer/performer so engagingly explores is in fact romance.

she needs: swimming costume, ghetto- tree, lingers in the memory.

WHAT a pity to bring Jean Claude Gallotta's Légende de Don Juan to

London for only two nights under the auspices of Dance Umbrella when

Shaftesbury Avenue is crying out for musicals. Gallotta himself describes

the show as a creation for 17 dancers

and four musicians, but it is the latter

Gallotta's modern-day Don Juan is a

pop singer whose loneliness off stage in

anonymous hotel rooms is only ren-

dered more bitter by the women fans

who throw themselves at him. Pascal Gravat, wiry and with a melancholy

glamour, sings, plays saxophone, dances, mutters, and stays miserably

His only outgoing life is when he is

performing on stage, flanked by his

remote from all personal contacts.

who predominate.

blaster, book. It doesn't need the paperback Anna Karenina to place the character in a long line of women who

filmgoers for that matter, will want

changes more sweeping than that.

loved not wisely but too literately.

A stage furnished only with piano. table, a couple of chairs and a trapeze is decorated with anchored bunches of helium-filled balloons, stylised trees in glearning globular topiary. Woof charts the girl's attempts to be a cafe entertainer: her lover's defection; the rough warmth of the northern waiter who gives her football lessons. The method is elliptical, symbolic rather than literal, expressing emotions as much through a nifty trapeze routine

as in conventional dialogue. Co-devised with Oxford don, writer and translator Wes Williams, the show has a wistful appeal and is beautifully performed. The style ranges from corny music-hall jokes ("I wasn't cut out to be a hairdresser... I wanted to be a milkman, but I hadn't got the bottle") to the haunting mixture of the earthy and the poetic, as in the story of the girl who opened her legs too wide crossing a ditch and suddenly sprouted different world from Madonna, what male organs. A dream sequence towards the end lost me in its tenuous surreal logic, but the performance is CONCERT: Noel Goodwin on an appealing violinist

Bruch flows gracefully

LPO/Welser-Möst Festival Hall

FOR all the success Kyung-Wha Chung has had playing Bruch's popular G minor Violin Concerto she made some restitution by performing instead his second, the Concerto in D minor, with the London Philharmonic Orchestra on Monday. Perhaps it does not have so much melodic personality. as the first concerto, but it is just as romantically attractive in the way the soloist played it.

She showed the same intimacy of feeling we have come to expect from her in the lyrical flow of expressive melody that Bruch ensured should lie so well under a violinist's bow and fingers, especially in his unconventional choice of an Adagio movement to begin it. There was a gentleness and We first meet her on the way to the rendezvous in Spain with the man she expects to live with. She has packed all like Daphne finally transformed into a graceful rapture as well as warmth of heart here which also helped to distil the essence of the two faster movements.

Welser-Most was supportive throughout, and later came into its own in the Fifth Symphony by Sibelius. Here the contours were not as craggily hewn as sometimes happens but were measured out with a wealth of harmonic tension in the first and last movements that supplied a foundation for the symphonic arch of the music's substance. Some want of passionate vitality was

The orchestral playing under Franz

felt in bringing alive the work's more sombre aspects, but the celebrated transition by which Sibelius conflated what were originally two movements into one through a passage of develop-ing tempo was well judged. Elsewhere a regular steadiness of pulse propelled the work to a triumphal climax, with notably fine contributions from the horns, in particular, and an effect of epic achievement.

To begin the programme with Schubert's Stabat Mater meant assembling and dispersing the London Philharmonic Choir for little more than five minutes of music, which seemed wasteful of effort in this context. The piece is a pleasant but unremarkable setting of only the first four stanzas of the Latin text, and its dark but not very penetrating character made a curious choice for an overture to the rest of a romantic programme.

DANCE: John Percival sees rock and ballet fused

Rake 'n' roll rhythms

two guitarists (Serge Houppin and Jean-Pierre Costanziello)

and accompanied by show a standing ovation from much of the audience on Tuesday. The dancers appear in different

costumes for each of these episodes, wilder each time (the costume budget alone, given the size of the cast and the number of changes everyone made,

would put such a production out of Don Juan Royalty reach for most Brit-

ish dance comthe relentless beat of fierce rock. These panies). The performers go at it with scenes. I imagine, were what won the varies much less than their gear from one scene to the next, just a skilled, sophisticated disco rock.

Choreographically, the heart of the piece lies in the interludes for four women soloists. To Debussyesque piano solos by Henry Torgue, they

convey a depth of feeling lacking elsewhere in the evening, expressed in what seem in effect solos, whether they are alone on stage or face-to-face with this impotent seducer. Natacha Mas. Genevieve Reynaud, Sandrine Chaouili and Mathilde Altaraz played these parts with complete aptness and conviction. The fact that it has also been possible to schedule an alternative cast for the second performance suggests that this must be a rather strong company.

In these sequences, especially in the lyrical number which serves as prologue, we see the delicate, cranky, meaningful manner of Gallotta's small-scale early works, and it risks making the rest of the production look a little crude and tawdry.

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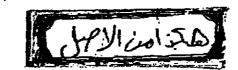
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LITERATURE: London's Poetry International festival; an American master reappraised; and small-screen Conrad

Not averse to a spot of rhyming

Alison Roberts on a golden autumn in prospect here for verse and versifiers.

especially of the international kind

People do

poetry; it

moment, once remarked that "As far as the public goes, poetry might be one of those branch lines scheduled for closing." As a poet born and bred in Palmers Green, north London. she would have known about such things. But the number of poetry readings and festivals taking place in Britain this autumn may well prove her wrong. Poetry, particularly the even more esoteric foreign brand, will almost certainly be appearing at a venue near you over the next few months.

Twentieth-century Britain has always proved incapable of digesting large amounts of poetry. That produced in languages other than

English is still largely found only in degree course curricula or specialist bookshops and the translator wins far less acdaim than the seen, many would say undeservedly,

less bleak' as a second-class. al festival at London's South Bank Centre (October 30-November 8) is taking an unusual and exciting step, then, by importing poets and translators from Slovenia to Jamai-ca, from Peru to Malawi, to read

events are similarly inter-cultural. A tip of the iceberg list includes an Arts Council-funded tour by four Chinese writers, one of them a much more direct." Some of the refugee poet whose work was Romanian poetry contained hid-

Bloodaxe Books-sponsored evening of contemporary French poet-ry last night in London, which launched its new series of works by cutrent French poets, and the Aldeburgh Poetry Festival in November, which includes the laurich of Al Alvarez's Faber Book of Modern European Poetry.

Fleur Adcock, one of the new Tsvetayeva translators, keeps one foot in the kind of poetic circles which revolve around festival readings, and the other on less literary ground. "It's hard for me to judge whether we have a resistance to poetry in this country because I live in a world where it is taken seriously all the time," she says.

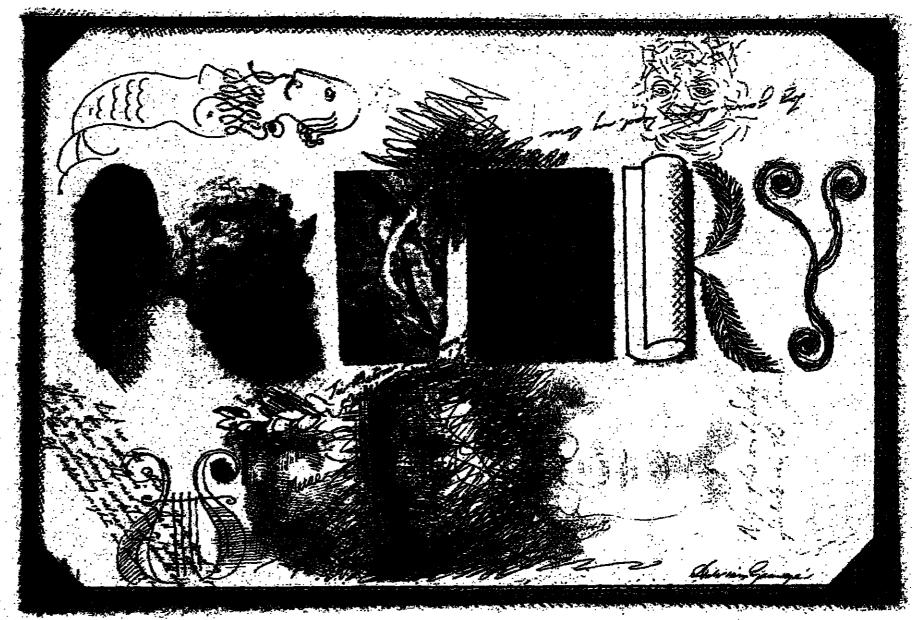
"Having said that, it is very embarrassing when I go to parand people ask me seem to need what I do. There is a reluctance to say I am a poet, I say that I am a writer and only own up if they probe. In a makes life feel country like Holland poetry is far more respectable."

Adcock has pub-The biennial Poetry Internation . lished translations of two modern Romanian poets, Grete Tartler and Daniela Crasnaru: translating their work has emiched her own poetry, providing insight into a relatively alien poetic tradition. I think it and discuss their work. And by commissioning 12 new translation of English stuff into Romanian is done by poets too. I loved doing it — it was like discovering things because this great writers to voice the feelings of the Russian people under Staffin.

Many of the season's other poetic.

There is a lot of fautasy, and the translation of English stuff into Romanian is done by poets too. I loved doing it — it was like discovering things because this stuff was not known by anyone else. If find it very fruitful too because it is quite different from my own poetry. There is a lot of fautasy, takes a poet to translate poetry, and

poetry. There is a lot of fautasy, symbolism and imagery in it compared to my own work which is banned following the Tiananmen den political messages and some tour have experienced artistic op-very distinguished. There are so tions of Dupin's work. The two Square uprising in 1989; a times the images were "so obscure pression more recently. Jack many important writers and poets: share a literary and philosophical



that it was absolutely meaningless". But the discipline involved in actually learning the language, grappling with the syntax and interpreting the foreignness "teaches you how important literature is for keeping you same".

Poet and novelist Elaine Feinstein was the first person to bring the poetry of Tsvetayeva to the attention of the West Her translations harness her own poetic talent and are featured in the international festival. "It's exciting that the halls are filling up," she says. "People do seem to need poetry, it makes life feel less bleak by giving you something encouraging for a change."

Tsvetayeva's themes are exile and abandonment and the atmosphere in which she wrote was near to suffocating. Several of the poets

Mapanje, appearing in Aldeburgh, spent three and a half years in a Malawi prison without trial and Bei Dao's pro-democratic stance forced him to flee his native China.

The latter's poetry is published "through various unofficial channels" in China. "There is a folk movement in China which does this: it is underground, a kind of zero society," he explains. Bei Dao, who now lives in Leiden in the Netherlands, feels that the crossbreeding of cultures implicit in the translation of poetry and in readings of those translations leads to an understanding of more than just foreign poetics.

He was looking forward to his visit to Belfast on the tour. This is partly because he wanted to be able to communicate to other people living under a threat of violence brought to Britain for an autumn and also because "Irish culture is London to discuss Auster's transla-

there must be a spirit of adventure there." It is likely that the Chinese poets will strike British audiences as the most foreign of the lot. Their willingness to philosophise about their work and the difficulties of translation is refreshing and often self-deprecating.

he European Arts Festival is also sponsoring an impressive number of tours, along with publication of new translations and readings. It is promoting tradition (a tour of Europe's "line writers") and innovation (Attila the Stockbroker leads Anglo-Dutch stand-up poets), and a combination of both with a new verse translation of Baudelaire. Today the American author Paul Auster will join the French poet Jacques Dupin at the ICA

rigour, as well as a friendship cultivated in Paris. For Auster the "intersection" of

poetic traditions is what kept poetry alive in the past and what keeps it going now. Translations are difficult to sell, and often done out of admiration for the foreign author. 'It's a matter of living with the poetry for a long, long time. Some of the new selected translation is a reprise of some of the old translations that I did when I was in Paris and some is new, although I have

known the poetry for a long time.

"All poetries have fed off one another; English poetry is indebted to the Italian and French tradition. And all the enduring poetry is

Timothy Mathews, the co-editor of the new Bloodaxe Contemporary editions, says that part of the problem is accessibility. The new books and the South Bank's international festival aim to make foreign poetry easily available. "We want to get French poetry read as it is read in France itself," Mathews says. "There it is as much a part of the cultural life as the cinema.

"Some of the French poets hold chairs in major institutions and have a real voice in making important national decisions. But poetry is not purely intellectual; it is able to feed into many different levels of life."

None of the touring writers or festival organisers is expecting huge audiences. An average of 146 people attended each of the readings at last year's Aldeburgh Festival and the co-ordinators say this is a good turn-out. There is enough variety in the festivals this year to satisfy all tastes, however, and

at the South Bank, London SE).

Returning to Main Street

nce acclaimed as the novelist who helped to drag American fiction into the 20th century, and the first American writer to win the Nobel-Prize for Literature, Sinclair Lewis appeared to have been relegated to that most poignant category of authors, The Great Unread.

Four decades after his death amends are being made, with the news that his two masterpieces, Main Street and Babbitt, have been inducted into the Library of America, the prestige collection (modelled on France's Piesade series) devoted to the nation's most important writers of fiction and non-fiction. Lewis, the scourge of Middle America, takes his place alongside Melville, Francis Parkman, Edith Wharton, Thoreau and Mark Twain.

Though his name may have slipped into obscurity, Lewis's infinence can still be felt whenever a political columnist likens George Bush to "Babbitt" or a lascivious television evangelist is exposed as another "Elmer Gantry".

Born in 1885 in the Minnesotan town of Sauk Centre (whose citizens still celebrate an annual "Sindair Lewis Day | Lewis published several minor novels before achieving notoriety with Main Street in 1920. Readers who were accustomed to tales of the virtuous, self-sacrificing inhabitants of small towns devoured Lewis's jaundiced account of

American readers are rediscovering one of the country's most innovative writers.

Clive Davis on the Sinclair Lewis revival



Sinclair Lewis: his realism was exhaustively researched

"Gopher Prairie" with outrage and guilty fascination. Two bestsellers. years later came Babbitt, whose curiously sympathetic central character. George F. Babbitt, symbolised Pooterish businessmen and complacent "boosters" across

life in the fictional hamlet of the land. By the end of the decade Lewis's books were

In contrast to the genteel, Europeanised prose of a Wharton or a William Dean Howells, Lewis's books were crammed full of the vigorous rhythms and neologisms of

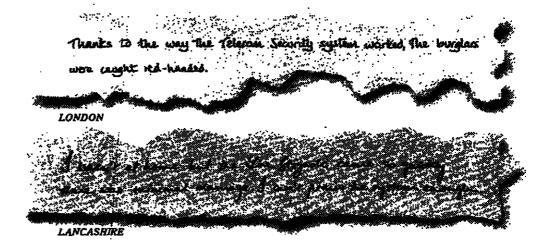
everyday conversation and the bric-a-brac of the new consumerism "What Mr Lewis has done for myself and thousands of others." declared E.M. Forster, "is to lodge a niece of a continent in our imagination."

By the time he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930, however, Lewis's powers were already waning, thanks in part to his taste for the bottle. In the last 20 years of his life he published another nine novels, most of them underiably inferior to the earlier works and each greeted with hostility from reviewers. A poignant and solitary figure in later years, he died in Rome in 1951 following an attack of delirium tremens. His reputation expired with him.

More recently, however, there are signs of a reappraisal. Tom Wolfe, writing about his own bestseller, The Bonfire of the Vanities, has acknowledged his debt to Lewis's exhaustively researched brand of realism. And in a generally sympathetic assessment of the new Library of America edi-tion, Gore Vidal praises the author's "Balzacian force" of the descriptions of people and places. Lewis will probably never again be required reading for millions of Americans, but it is reassuring to know that he may not, after all, be totally forgotten.

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TELEVISION REVIEW: Harry Eyres on a stylish and sinister Conrad adaptation

I here is nothing new about remoist. outrages in London. In 1894 a blow up the Greenwich Observatory. apparently by an anarchist terrorist, who only succeeded in fatally mangling himself. Later it came out that the man behind the attack was a secret agent, H.B. Samuels, working to discredit the anarchist movement. The man carrying the bomb was Samuels's brother-in-law When Joseph Conrad heard that this brother-in-law was "half an idiot" and that his sister afterwards committed suicide, he knew he had a sury.

The Secret Agent (BBC 2, last night) is a difficult, treacherous tale, not so much because of the involved plot, but because it is not really about politics or terrorism at all: as usual with Contact it concerns the terrible fates of ordinary people. The key is tone, and the director of this new version, David Drury, started well by counter-

Faithful in deceit

pointing images of Edwardian London, alternately sordid and hollowly splendid, with music of ironic drawing-room complacency, composed by Barrington

But the chief responsibility for establishing tone falls on the actor playing the obese, indolernt agent. Adolf Verioc Thumbing through his boxes of dirty postcards (his front is as a purveyor of pornography and revolutionary literature) David Sucher's Verloc could not help reminding one of a Poirot gone cata-

snophically to seed.

The joke, in this first episode of Dusty

Hughes's faithful adaptation, was that the police knew exactly who the anarchists were, but considered them too harmless to arrest, while the anarchists scorned the police for not having the guts to arrest them. A masterly, pug-faced performance came from Warren Clarke as Chief Inspector Heat, keeping the screw turned

on Verloc with channing menace.

The two succeeding episodes will show the shattering of Winnie Verloc's premise that "things don't bear too much looking into": here Cheryl Campbell, as the agent's unprying wife, gave, quite rightly, little indication of her ability to rise to that challenge. The only question I found myself asking was whether the lovingly pictorial period style of this "classic" serialisation was the only possible one: how about a Secret Agent filmed by Fritz Lang, or one performed by Theatre de Complicité at their most zanily Expres-

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S ince George (György) Kon-rád's political and philosoph-ical essays are as important as his novels, it is not surprising that his latest book is an androge-nous combination of the two. Hungary's most distinguished writer - better known in Germany than here, and also president of International PEN — has written a

kind of contemplative guide to his past. It veers between dream and memory, essay and portrait. It is a novel about a novel being con-ceived in the mind of its chief protagonist. David Kobra, who bears many of Konrád's own characteristics.

The book opens in an overgrown garden in the centre of Budapest, to which Kobra has returned to write. In this real and imagined place he conjures up his past, and embarks like Proust on an expedition into his own consciousness. The playing-field of the novel will be his life, the players his friends

Because memory has a quarrelsome relationship with imagina-

Hungarian uprising of memory

realistic if it did. Indeed there are several narrators and states of consciousness, and the reader wonders at times which voice he is hearing. Action is not always distinct from contemplation, and as with memory there are leaps in

time and place.
In spite of these lifelike confusions, a story emerges. It unfolds in snapshots from the lives of three Jewish Hungarian schoolfriends: the writer David Kobra, the social scientist János Dragomán and the film director Antal Tombor. All three were born in 1933 and have lived through communism and revolution. The action starts in the last decade, just before the Cold War ended. The past appears piecemeal through the characters' own habits of retrospection.

There is a conventional love triangle: Melinda, the attractive

The archetypal central European intellectual, George Konrád, shows how the generation of 1956 lost its way

and dreamy mother of two child-ren, born in 1949, is married to Antal Tombor and has an affair with his friend János Dragomán, a ladykiller dressed in Calvin Klein. János confuses his sexual adventures with a generalised love of humanity. The narrative revolves around the lovers' interior voices.

Beyond that the novel can be read as a roman a clef about the 1956 generation of Hungarian intellectuals. Antal Tombor tries successfully to develop his artistic abilities within the confines of the political system. Kobra goes into inner emigration and condemns himself to an existence on the periphery, while Dragoman leaves Hungary altogether and

Adelheid von der Schulenberg

A FEAST IN THE GARDEN By George Konrád

returns only in the 1980s as a slightly trendy American university

There are well-drawn portraits of the people we meet in the course of these lives: Jeremiah, Melinda's father and teacher of the three friends, is the eternal wandering Jew, who retains well into his

eighties a strong desire to bite the golden bottom of an Asian girl: Dragomán's mother, in a fit of Zionist enthusiasm, has her teen-age son circumcised without anaesthetic; the impoverished baron is not above accepting money from his mistress's husband in order "to save embarrassment".

Konrad's narrative technique depends on the sensuous detachment with which he observes the world: "I have put the agonies of my passions into a sack and then I pull them out as well formed stories, like white rabbits." What cannot be turned into a white rabbit is the story of David Kobra. His own pleasurable reveries of life are constantly interrupted by terrifying

images of cattle-cars and corpses.
just as his childhood was interrupted when he watched his father being taken away by the Gestapo.

"Father knew everyone he saw in the street, but he had nothing to say to them; he walked as if in a scene being filmed. The scene was not upsetting, perhaps not even sad, only unusual. The faces at first showed puzzlement, then the features were re-adjusted: 'Ah yes, this is what happens now, they're

taking away the Jews."
Young Kobra escapes to Budapest together with his sister. On the day they arrive he remembers his

last visit here with his mother: "A year ago it had been happiness that made my throat tighten. I grew weak at the sight of the city. as when the curtain goes up at the opera a fantastic ballroom emerges in the dark. Then my mother stood behind me, but now, perhaps, she

stood in that train that had just passed us. I kept standing on that balcony throughout the summer, waiting for our parents to come and

He survives the war in a protected house, growing up with death:
"It is remarkable too, that an 11year-old can realise the cold fact that he can be killed at any time and yet not falter. In the winter of 1944/45 I thought of death almost in the way one thinks of firewood there is nothing special about it."

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This is the central story, told from beginning to end in a clear voice with the simplicity the worst memories can produce. It is the most touching account of the Holocaust the key to Kobra's existence. If dreadful events are to be reenacted, they require a kind of jauntiness, like the dancing and drinking at an Irish wake. A Fear in the Garden is an elegy, a real addition to the literature of

Adelheid von der Schulenberg, the Countess of Gowrie, is a journalist who writes in German and English.

Riddles of a rustic idyll

s the century draws to a close it would seem that many writers, even rather young ones, are taking fin de siècle retrospection for their theme. Lisa St Aubin de Terán and Colm Toibin, novelists in their thirties, both choose to dramatise the painful recollections of old age in their new novels. Both Nocturne and The Heather Blazing are set in a historical context, with Catholicism and the destruction of rural life running through as undercurrents. Both novels focus on the drama of an old man, in the words of St Aubin de Terán, "milking [his] memories and then churning over the past to make rancid butter".

But for all their similarities, the effect created is strikingly different. In her previous fiction, St Aubin de Teran has tended to present a very feminine perspective on life. Nocturne, by contrast, concerns itself exclusively with the world of men. Alessandro Mezzanotte is dying. Blinded and maimed during the second world war in an accident which is shrouded in mystery, he returns to his hill-top Umbrian village to live out the long years which remain of his life. Blindness in youth is in many ways like premature old age. It renders Mezzanotte — whose name "mid-night" seemed to predestine him to a life of darkness — almost invisible to those around him. Isolated from the villagers and from new experience, he is forced to live vicariously through the recollection of his youthful love for a wild synsy

fairground girl called Valentina. Mezzanotte would probably secrets with him to the grave, but for the arrival of Stephano, a young man spending his military service as a companion to war veterans. This coincides with the return to town of Valentina's old fair. Desperate for news, Mezzanone sends Stephano down to the fair to find out

Lisa St Aubin de Terán: what has become of Valentina. Returning empty handed, the two men sit down to drink together (Mezzanotte drinks to remember, while Stephano drinks to forget)

of his life of passion. Nocturne is a wonderfully evocative novel. The title captures something of the dreamy musical quality of the writing as well as hinting at St Aubin de Teran's impressionistic literary style. The essence of Italian village life is evoked in a few simple brush strokes.

and Mezzanotte unfolds the details

It is all the more frustrating. therefore, to find that enticing subplots are developed only to be left to flounder unfinished. What of the dark, violent side to Mezzanotte's character, which frightens even him? And what becomes of Stephano's overbearing father whose position as a judge fills him with such blinding certitude? We are never to know, for St Aubin de Terán is much better at beginning her novels than ending them.

Colm Toibin's second novel is, by contrast, a much tighter narrative. Set in his native Ireland, it is a retrospective on the life of Eamon Redmond, an Irish High Court Judge. For the whole of his career Eamon has been obliged to adjudicate daily on issues which continue to plague contemporary (reland such as the position that a Catholic state, which bans abortion, should take regarding single motherhood. However, as he wordlessly watches his daughter embark on just such a course in life and his wife, Carmel, die slowly of a stoke, he becomes troubled by memories of the past. From a family of ardent and

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politically active Republicans, Earnon was named after Earnon de Valera. With Fianna Fail's rise to power Eamon's life seems set for success. He marries the first girl he meets at party headquarters, and has lots of legal work pushed his way. But Eamon, whose mother died in childbirth, and who has watched his grandfather, father and favourite uncle die in swift succession, is unable to communicate with those around him.

Toibin slowly develops his narra-tive by paying meticulous attention to the minutiae of life. He teeters on the boundaries of losing the reader's interest through the unrelenting monotony and greyness of his subject. But the prose, which has a detached, dense and stilted quality. is strangely haunting and remains with one long after the book has been closed.

The premise of Mark Illis's third

novel. The Feather Report, is that the ubiquitous presence of the computer has provided the space to store and cross-tabulate more information than the human mind could ever previously conceive of. Information gathering has become a modern sickness, as facts are pursued as an end in themselves rather than

the means to some

fruitful

condusion. wonderfully evocative Paul Feather is both house and

muscle-bound. He spends his days trawling through vast quantities of paper, fishing for information. particularly concerning violent crime. He lifts weights for what is left of his day until his muscles rip from the strain. In the employ of the large and mysterious Walsh Foundation, run by a powerful but decrepit tycoon, Paul is investigating the causal relations between disparate things and tracing pat-terns of violent behaviour. But, as Paul begins to discover that every-thing is interconnected, he is less and less able to produce the longanticipated Feather Report.

Hounded by his employer's phonecalls and hungry for sexual contact. Paul ventures out into the world. He cannot decide whether someone is trying to kill him or whether he is paranoid. The infor-mation which he has gathered seems to be afflicted by a virus, as crippling as its computerised counterpart, which is poisoning everything that he touches, even his thoughts. Having fled from the painful responsibility of dealing with his sister Hazel's flight from sanity. Paul is forced to question his own. He finally seeks Hazel out and it is she who is able to see with the clarity of the innocent that Paul is not the author of the Feather Report but its subject. Its comple-

tion could prove fatal.

Although The Feather Report is full of clever concents, it is a thriller without suspense, a psychological drama devoid of narrative drive. The Walsh Foundation, with its Big Brother overtones, is populated with characters who are as bland and familiar as the cliches they spout. Even the lip-skinning, religiously fanatical parasite, Edmund Staples, fails to captivate as the villain of the piece. And Paul Feather makes an uncompelling, neurotic anti-hero. Stylistically slick and full of the narrative props of the technological age. The Feather Report epitomises the ailments of the British novel, in which content



"November: Ploughing", wood-engraving from a new reprint of Clare Leighton's The Farmer's Year (1933), Sumach Press, £30 viscount, better known as John Julius Norwich Derfect for Fart mother to do a piece for Harpers about when Nella nearly died.
Fortunately, Wanching in the Dark, the book which grew out of Artemis Cooper's article, transcends the silly snobbiness of Harpers. With an endearing artlessness, this very loving mother charts the weeks during which

The thoughtful nappy-chang-ers of NW6 who contribute the essays and poems which make up Fatherhood are spoken for in Stewart Brown's poem, 'Heart to Heart":

There is finally nothing to say except that I will be waiting for you always, at the school gates, outside the party, at the station, in your triumph's and your griefs, and later, if there's another place. I'll be the fat., bald, bearded one looking afraid and in the way.

Almost to a man. Sean French's posse of fathers, sons and fathersto-be are eager to be useful, yet feel in the way. Embarrassed by their sex's legacy of "male chauvinism", they are unsure not only of what is expected of them as fathers, but also of what ought to be expected. Fatherhood should be the gift for fathers-to-be this Christmas.

Sean French harks back to a children's story by Dr Seuss, Hor-ton Hatches the Egg, in which a faithful elephant suffers a year of torment to hatch an egg for an absconding mother bird and is rewarded when it hatches a little elephant with wings. "Is this not the dream of the New Man." asks French, "that by being sensitive enough, by finding the womanly side of himself, the woman can be supplanted together?" Nearly half this collection con-

sists of similar soundbites from a Daddy-and-toddler-group coffee morning. One working househusband, Tim Hilton, gripes: "Women are always advising each other about childcare: no man tells another man how to be a father." A thread of helplessness runs through these essays. "I'm just sitting beside a bucket of sand and watching a fire. In time, it'll burn out of control anyway," writes the poet Michael Hofmann.

Sticking out like a retired colonel at a National Childbirth Trust class

To our fathers in distress

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is Professor Roger Scruton, whose brief and dazzling sermon on the death of fatherhood explains with merciless clarity the malaise that shadows some of the other essays. "Man... has exchanged the onerous duties of fatherhood for the rights of the nanny-coddled orphan. He can walk out of his wife

and family just when he wants: he can have his way with women and disclaim all responsibility for the love he might inspire in them." According to Scruton (not a father himself), we have replaced "the father and his law with the easy-to-geton-with mother-

law, the nanny state where no one is rebuked or disciplined. The aim of life is no longer to grow up and assume life's burdens, but to remain attached to the nipple through which the milk of human kindness inexhaustibly

in Fatherhood, adoration is blended with resentment, regret and frustration. This is most poignant in "His Balls" by Noah Richler, who obviously still wor-ships his father Mordecai, yet suffered humiliation at his hands when he tried to write. He could not be saved from drug addiction

by this supposedly strong parent.
Scruton blames Freud for "the final catastrophe of fatherhood": the Oedipus complex, in which -

according to Scruton — the son puts an end to the father's power by opting for the mother. Mervyn Jones, novelist son of the psycholanalyst Ernest Jones, found himself trapped like a fly in a spider's web by his father's application of the dreaded complex to

melodrama - saved Nella in the everything poor Mervyn did that end. Weeks spent in a room with went against Erher baby strapped to tubes and nest's wishes. "I did monitors made Cooper a wondernot want to hate my ful observer of hospital routine. She father, yet by failing to hate him, I was quick to pick up the undercurrents beneath doctor-speak. should be repudiat-ing his creed," he But Cooper flounders when she examines the moral background to writes. His description of their relat-

ionship is a terrible

reminder of how

like a bicycle a fam-

ily is: stop to think

how it works and you fall off.

One can see why mankind might

sometimes be exhausted by the father-son relationship and turn

gratefully to the world of mother

and baby. In the unsung world of

mother-and-baby magazines, there

is a standard feature whose generic title can be summed up as "My

Miracle Baby: A Mother's True Story". These tales of children

fighting illnesses are meant to rend

your heart over your coffee, and rend they do. They do little harm

and often impart some snippet of

When Harpers & Queen ran its own "My Miracle Baby" piece, the baby could not be just any baby; it

simply had to be blue-blooded. Nella Beevor's grandfather is a

medical knowledge.

Neila's ordeal. She declares that modern Western mothers are "unprepared" for the death of their children, compared with parents in other cultures and generations. She illustrates this by describing her encounter, years before, in a remote straw but in the Air Mountains of the Niger, with a young mother whose newborn twins were dying of a congenital problem needing immediate surgery.
As Cooper saw it, the African

charts the weeks during which

Nella, then a delicious eight

month-old, struggled to survive a freak intestinal infection.

Only a new artificial hormone -

the "miracle drug" of TV hospital

woman "accepted in silence" that the white stranger could not help the babies. What is Cooper trying to say? Does she suppose the woman did not weep for her children after the Westerner had gone? Does she seriously believe that because she is an "unprepared" Westerner, her own anguish in Westminster Children's Hospital was in some way worse than that of another woman who lost her children in a straw hut, unvisited by Harpers?

Sean French, page 19.

A dead poet's fossils

Erica Wagner

TRILOBITES and other stories

By Breece D'J Pancake Secker & Warburg, £7.99

n these tales of Breece Pan-cake's native West Virginia, the I land is many things to many people, often splendid, always harsh: "Trilobites", the first story in this fine collection, has the narrator scouring his blighted land for fossils, ancient objects to transcend the confusion of his life. In the next story, "Hollow", Buddy dismisses a young boy's efforts to find these relics as "fossils. Ol' dead stuff".

With the chillingly humourous exception of "Time and Again". these are bleak stories. "Nobody here gets a break," reflects the narrator of "A Room Forever", and characters. Their lives are a series of unanswered questions in "The Honored Dead" the Vietnam war leaves a troubling legacy, as a man reflects on the finality of his friend's death and at the same time wonders whio fathered his child, this story chattles between memory this story shuttles between memory and reality. The elusive truth of "In "the Dry" can never be speken: the narrator's silence is as assured as that of the more and yellowing

tried to invent. The imagery is merciless: a deer killed and gutted, revealing a kick-ing unborn fawn: a roving bound shot and left to thrash itself to death; a cockfight; a bloodled, barefisted boxer. But Pancake has a poet's eye, and whatever he observes becomes beautiful under his unflinching gaze. Comparisons with Hemingway and Carver may be unavoidable, but these stories sometimes go deeper than

"In the Dry" calls to mind the cadences of Seamus Heaney, and Pancake has a similar feel for landscape. He sees the precise angles of life: the narrator of "A Room Forever" works on a tug, and won't drink on New Year's Eve: "not if l have to watch barge rats and walk the wet steel edges tomorrow." He chooses the particular and makes it sing: an eye socket reflected in coffee, the bone-bunches of hands. a cigarette floating down to the Mississippi. His ear for dialogue is equally strong, and "The Salvation of Me" is barrelled along on the

rollicking voice of its narrator.

Occasionally an image carries too much weight sometimes shifts in perspective don't quite work — "Foxhunters" suffers from this and "The Way It Has To Be" reads like a fragment. But for the most part these are finely-built, savage tales. Nearly every story contains a gun, and death overshadows them all. Breece Pancake shot himself in 1979 at 26. These stories, his only published work, are poignant in their vast potential.

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A short story by Erica Wagner appears in the current issue of Critical Quarterly.

Were it not that he had bad dreams

ike his first cousin once removed Robert Louis Ste-plot for Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde in his sleep). Graham Greene made no secret of the central part that dreams played in his life and work. At least three times his subconscious pictured a ship going down just when disaster struck, one victim being the Titanic: "One image of the dream has remained with me for more than 60 years: a man in oilskins bent double beside a companion-way under the blow of a great wave."

It was perhaps no wonder that so active an eight-year-old imagination had him undergoing psychoanalysis before the decade was out and being told to record his dreams. As it detailed such matters as the breasts of the analyst's wife. this was duly destroyed.

Christopher Hawtree

A WORLD OF MY OWN By Graham Greene Reinhardt Books, £12.99

Yet he remained alert to dreams. In particular, Greene's unduly neglected novel It's A Battlefield had its origins in sleep, as did part of The Honorary Consul, by which time he had resumed the keeping of a dream-diary. Begun in 1965, it had grown to 800 carefully indexed. pages of his minuscule handwriting by 1989, when he made this

The title derives from Heraclitus of Ephesus, who wrote, around 500 BC: "The waking have one world in common, but the sleeping turn aside each into a world of his own." The phrase is quoted in a remain-dered copy of Charles Rycroft's The Innocence of Dreams which, in turn, took it from a study by B.D. Lewin - Greene's heavily annotated library is an idiosyncratic mine of information.

carcely a twentieth of the whole manuscript, A World of My Own is rearranged by such subjects as "writers", "spying" and "religion", shorn of the erotic ("I do not wish to involve those whom I have loved"), and interspersed with commentary. An entertaining diversion, it is a glimpse of his creative mainspring rather than the thing itself.

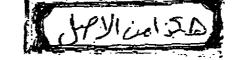
Even when events are trivial, preposterous, or both, Greene's prose makes the characters and landscapes vivid. For a moment

Home has "Marquess of Home" embroidered on his silk shirts and that he advised against going to witness riots in India: "There's nothing to be done about that place." Particularly good, if less plausible is a night spent carousing in a pub with Edward Heath, who had just read the typescript of a new novel and, impressed, decided to make the writer ambassador to Scotland. They celebrated by leaping into a muddy river - where Heath scotched the idea of a textile fair. David O. Selznick once having told him that such events were rarely worth the trouble.

Never quite proving that Shake speare was right to say "When most I wink, then do mine eyes best see", A World of My Own leaves one eager for more of the common world as seen by Greene and one almost believes that Lord reported in his thousands of letters.



Life is a dream: Greene looks



Lost political cultures still resonate in four new books on oratory, parliament, the Bundesbank and Balfour

How to write a Thatcher speech

ny selection of the great political speeches of the 20th century invites criticism. Some of the greatest House of Commons orations are omitted from Brian MacArthur's volume because, he says, they were not scripted and do not read as well as they sound in the packed cockpit of the Commons. (That is not true in the case of Lady Thatcher's resignation speech, an example he cites.) Gorbachev fails to make the cut on grounds of translation: a bit hard when Lenin, Stalin and Trotsky do make it, and no subsequent Soviet leader until Gorbachev had any-

thing worthwhile to say.

But these are quibbles. It would be hard to do better than MacArthur's selection, which is a tribute to the breadth of his knowledge. The book is a splendid Christmas gift.

A book can only present speeches as literature, while the magic of a great speech lies not in the printed word but in the performance and the occasion. That is not invariably the case. I suspect former President Havel's eloquent but densely argued exposure of the contaminated moral environment under communism needs to be read to be properly understood. Some of the samples in this collection - Mussolini's bitter 1914 diatribe against those who expelled him from the Socialist Party, or General George Patton's stirring addresses to his troops going into battle — barely make sense in cold print. But no one can doubt the force of their impact at the time. What makes a speech memora-

ble? The greatest quality, to my mind, is passionate belief. Most of the speeches assembled here were made to advance a great cause. whether it be Lloyd George seeking social justice, Patrick Pearse on Irish independence, or Emmeline Pankhurst demanding rights for women. The speech can be powerful and compelling but the cause ignoble or wicked: Hitler's speeches are the prime example. Oratory has always been as powerful a force for evil as for good.

Another essential quality is the phrase that lives on long after the speech itself: "a country fit for heroes", "the river Tiber foaming with much blood", "the iron curtain" and "the wind of change". A memorable phrase does not guarantee a great speech — "read my lips" — but multiplies its impact

and perpetuates its message.

A great speech also calls for a sense of theatre, an ability to convey conviction which is sometimes achieved better without a text. I once heard Franz Josef Strauss speak without a note in Bayerisch for two and a half hours to an

enthusiastic and exalted audience. But it is the clarity of thought and quality of language that make a speech great. While every age has its fashion, quality endures and that is what emerges from this book. It should be compulsory reading for speechwriters, especi-

Charles Powell

THE PENGUIN BOOK OF TWENTIETH-**CENTURY SPEECHES** Edited by Brian MacArthur

Penguin. £17.99

ally those responsible for the lamentable perorations at this year's party conferences. Is the art of making great speeches being lost? MacArthur points out that every generation

judges contemporary speakers unfavourably against the giants of the past. The audience for speeches is greater than ever before, multiplied by television and radio. Yet technology lays traps. The appetite of the electronic media for short, sharp excerpts has led to the emergence of the "sound bite". It often now seems to be the only part of a speech on which politicians lavish care.

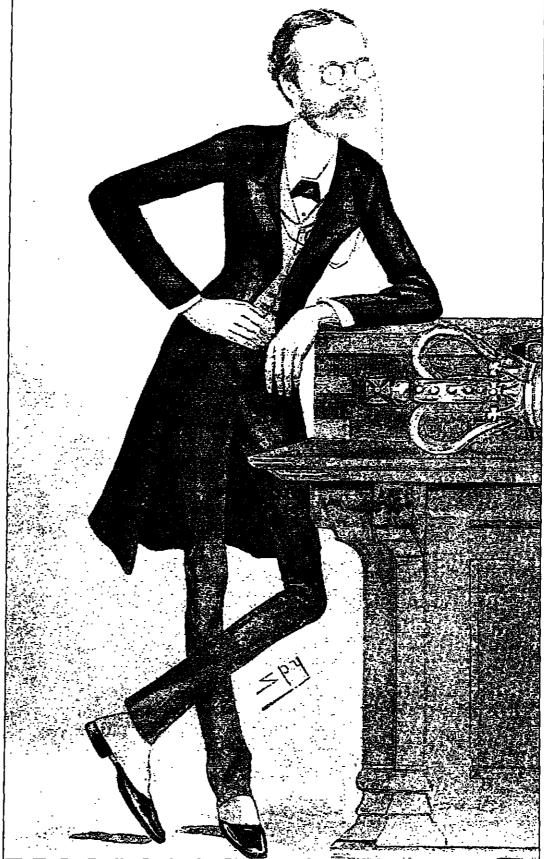
The autocue is also not without its dangers (quite apart from its tendency to break down). It gives a marvellous "look, no hands" impression to the audience. But unless very carefully rehearsed, an autocue speech can turn the speaker into a robot, being led through a text with all the passion of a newscaster. Even so, you can still fool some of the people some of the time. I sat next to a retired prime minister on the stage at the Guildhall a few years ago, while President Reagan delivered a faultless speech from his invisible teleprompter. At the end, my neighbour turned to me and said: "Remarkable to be able to

Lastly a plea on behalf of speechwriters. I am not sure when they were first employed. I some-how doubt whether Demosthenes or Cicero had speechwriters, although the more organised Julius Caesar may have done. They are probably an invention of the mid 20th century. Some achieve great and deserved prominence: Theo-dore Sorensen for Kennedy, Peggy Noonan for Reagan; and in Britain Chris Patten and Ronnie Miller.

But most of us are twilight creatures (literally, since the work is usually done at night). We labour with scant direction to produce material for the great divas of politics. I treasure a story of Henry Kissinger instructing a newly arrived staffer to draft a speech for him. The novitiate laboured for two weeks before handing in his draft. It came back the next day with the scalding comment you can do better than this. He beavered away for another week of late nights and served up an alternative version. That too came back with the comment this won't do. In desperation and with time running out, he worked through two days and nights before handing in a third version. This time he was summoned by the great man, and found him holding the speech. "Is this really the best you can do?" asked Dr Kissinger. "I'm afraid so," the speechwriter replied miserably. "In that case, I will read it this time," said the great Doctor. Those involved behind the scenes

with Lady Thatcher's speeches have happier memories. We learnt useful techniques. Never put anything worthwhile in the first draft, for it will be rejected. Keep the structure for the second draft, for the first will inevitably be condemned as not having one. Have the collected works of Rudyard Kipling to hand. Don't even try to draft a peroration until you are right up against a time limit, because they are always revised right down to the line. Be ready to stay up until six in the morning on the day of delivery if necessary. But the satisfaction is immense — including that of finding a speech on which I worked

Sir Charles Powell was Lady Thatcher's private secretary. 1984-91.



Arthur Balfour at the despatch box of the Commons, by the caricaturist Spy (Sir Leslie Ward)

"After the all-clear . . . Berliners leave the bunker below the new Reichsbank." This building, off Kurstrasse, is still the Berlin headquarters of the Reichsbank's successor, the Bundesbank. One of numerous photographs in Tony Le Tissier's Berlin: Then and Now (published next month by After The Battle, £39.95)

any people are anxious about the internationaliabout the international sation of financial activity. Periodically, popular imagination conjures up a stage villain. At the beginning of the 1990s the Bundesbank occupies a position previously held by "the gnomes of Zürich" and the International Monetary Fund.

It is the institution that is blamed for everything in the world that goes wrong. If you are anti-European (or, euphemistically, Euro-sceptic) you resist the imperial authority of the Bundesbank. If you are Europhile (or pro-European). you believe that a promising scheme for monetary union is endangered by the Bundesbank. If you are forced out of the exchangerate mechanism, you think that Bundesbank whisperers are to blame.

David Marsh has written a masterly account of the Bundesbank which appears at a most opportune moment, when the bank that rules Europe" is on the front page of every tabloid newspaper. He corrects some widelyheld myths: European monetary union, far from being the "German racket" of Lord Ridley's fears, was in fact a result of a Franco-Italian initiative to control German monetary policy and curb the power of the Bundesbank.

In the historical parts of his analysis, Marsh gives us some indication of the roots of concern about Bundesbank power. The bank and its ancestors have, as he shows, a rather unattractive past. Marsh tells us about the autonomy of the pre-war Reichsbank, its obsession with monetary stability in the wake of the hyper-inflation of the 1920s, and its compromises

Golden hoard of the Nibelungen

with National Socialism: and then about the immediate precursor of the Bundesbank, the Bank deutscher Länder which functioned between 1948 and 1957.

There are substantial continuities (a great many Bundesbank officials of the 1950s and 1960s had been Nazi party members), and some striking historical parallels. Wartime Harold

plans for a Europe financially reorganised on the basis of a mark zone can be regarded as structurally similar to the monetary order

in Europe in the 1980s. There is plenty of material here to guarantee that every critic of the Bundesbank will carry this

The most revealing part, however, concerns the most recent period. This shows the Bundesbank at its best. On the basis of extensive interviews, Marsh has constructed an authoritative account of the tensions between the bank and the German government over the currency union with East Germany, over moves toward European monetary union, and over the financing of German reunification. Chancellor Kohl, although ruling over one of the three largest economies in the world, is not much interested in economics. When the Bundesbank president Karl Otto Pöhl expressed

his scepticism about monetary union - German and European -Kohl did not bother to reply to the banker's letters, or even acknowledge them.

Marsh has listened to Pohl, and prefers economic rationality to political instinct. But he adds a note of criticism in discussing the austere

anti-inflationary **Harold James** message that has

become the Bundesbank's mantra. BUNDESBANK He suggests that The Bank that the German econ-Rules Europe omy has suffered as By David Marsh a result of the peri-Heinemann, E1\$.99 odic monetary

> tered by the Bundesbank. It is certainly true that Germany has experienced business cycles. It is also true that every German government at some time fell out with the central bank, and that the bankers were quite proud to have demonstrated their autonomy. But it would be wrong to conclude that a more expansive approach could have generated more long-term growth than Germany experienced in the post-war years. Relative price stability created the framework for rational investment decisions that in the long run worked to Germany's benefit.

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Marsh tells the story of modern Germany as the clash between two institutions, a government answerable to parliament, the parties. public opinion and the press, and a central bank responsible to no one. Sometimes this theme leads to sim-plifications. The Bundesbank has frequently been internally divided. and outside institutions often critically influenced the German debate. In describing the first conflict, of October 1950, when the Bank deutscher Länder raised interest rates. Marsh ignores the crucial role played by the advice of the chief economist of the Basle-based Bank for International Settlements.

In general, though, Marsh offers a compelling diagnosis of the German problem, which is in essence that of any political system that places itself under a selflimiting institutional restraint. Who is at fault when the restraint becomes painful? The present crisis in the European system has its roots in the fiscal problems of Germany after reunification, rather than in the Bundesbank's inappropriate

The present crisis reveals the fragility of Germany's post-war achievement. The Bundesbank cannot make growth permanent through its policy, any more than any other central bank can. At the same time, the delicate relationship between independent central banks and government can be disturbed, and even destroyed, by an inappro-

priate fiscal policy.

Marsh reminds us from time to time how precarious is the Bundesbank's position. There are many things that the "bank that rules Europe" does not rule. They include the development of the German economy, international levels of savings and investments (and so of real interest levels), and the German government. Stage villains are frightening, but often powerless.

Letters mingle souls

Caroline Moorehead

THE LETTERS OF ARTHUR BALFOUR AND LADY ELCHO 1885-1917

Edited by Jane Ridley and Clayre Percy Hamish Hamilton, £25

n February 1895, Arthur Balfour wrote to Lady Elcho: "Think of what you would like best to hear and have faith that that is what I should like to speak." This awkward, guarded sentence is the closest the future prime minister ever got to expressing his feelings on paper for the woman who was his intimate correspondent for over 30 years. Mary Elcho herself was not often more forthcoming. though as she grew older and more confident she became more animated, and occasionally she teased

Long-legged, graceful and rich, Arthur Ballour was the nephew of Lord Salisbury, the prime minister into whose shoes he stepped in 1902. In politics for most of his long life - he died in 1932 aged 84 - Balfour never married. But in his early thirties he met 17-year-old Mary Wyndham, eldest of the five wild Wyndham children". In 1885, when she had recently married and had her first child, they started to write to each other. remaining close friends for the rest of their lives. Their letters might never have

come to light had it not been for the

perseverance of Clayre Percy, who became interested in Mary Elcho. Percy learnt that Mary's letters to Balfour had been in the British Museum, along with the rest of Ballour's political papers, but had been withdrawn by Mary's descendants, who were infuriated by the way Kenneth Young treated her in his biography of Balfour. Percy tracked them down to a linen cupboard in Gloucestershire, wrapped in brown paper bundles. alongside Balfour's letters to Mary. What comes across best is a picture of the daily lives and pursuits of the rich and wellconnected during the closing years of Queen Victoria's reign and up to 1914. Balfour and Mary Elcho were founders, together with the ebullient Tennant sisters, of the Souls, so nicknamed, it was said, by Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford who remarked over dinner one day on the obsessive interest that their set seemed to have in their souls. The Souls were rebels against the Victorian habits of their parents' generation, against too much religion and too many charitable good works. In place of God they put friendship: in place of food and



Mary Elcho, by Burne-Jones

gardening, art and literature. The Souls excelled at conversation, at the art of winy repartee and at being charming. Balfour, singularly laconic and charming, was their

high priest. Neither Mary Elcho nor Balfour. however, was a remarkable or inspired letter-writer, and their exchanges would certainly be duli were it not for the comprehensive annotations. The editors have done an excellent job with linking passages and footnotes, bringing alive otherwise unexceptional occasions and flat characters.

Were Balfour and Lady Elcho lovers? In a letter written several years after their first meeting, Mary referred to a "gear-changing" inci-dent that had taken place one day in Balfour's sitting room while he was reading Rider Haggard's She From that moment on, she seems to imply, the nature of their friendship became more intense.

But at a time when flirtations were almost the rule in society. there was never talk of a liaison between her and Balfour. The only perceptible change in the tone of her letters comes after her affair with Wilfred Blunt and the birth of a daughter known to be Blunt's,

Her valedictory letter to Balfour, written in 1929, is both more revealing of her feelings than anything she ever wrote before, and a fitting end to their long friend-ship: "I think we have been successful in altering, adjusting the friendship-gear without jerks or creakings or open rupture ... Surely we have done it as adroidy as any? and the lengthening shadows are not bereft of magic and charm,

Is Parliament on short commons? Garrett, who is a Labour MP and a tion members of the committee

ast week Parliament demonstrated for the history books I the true nature of its ultimate power and function, by forcing the government to retreat from its peremptory plan to close 31 of Britain's remaining 50 coal mines. Parliament reminded us that its fundamental place in the constitution still rests on the obligation of ministers to lay their proposals before it, and on its right and power to refuse them consent. Enough Conservatives who ac-

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cepted neither the economic justifi-cation nor the social cost of the government's policy had made it clear that if the government refuses time for a fully objective enquiry. they will defeat it in the Commons. If, at the end of the enquiry, the government still does not satisfy Parliament, it will face the same threat again. Yes it is still rather smart to despise the proceedings in the full House as a charade and to argue that Parliament can best be made more effective by concentrating power in the committees that enquire into departmental policies and those that scrutinise bills. This is the opinion of John

management consultant. Arguing that Parliament's "present servility to government" must not be allowed to continue, he echoes the stale dogma of the political scien-

tists of the sixties and seventies by advocating the cure of better re-sources for MPs, who in his ideal world would be professionals freed by higher pay from dependence on outside earning. He attacks "the traditional dominance of the debating chamber" over the "more lowly status of investigatory committees" - despite the power the departmentally-related committees have had since 1979 to summon ministers and call for papers.

Ideally, he would even like to restrict plenary sessions of the House to about a week each month, the MPs' time concentrated on the detail of committee work. Perhaps his mind has been changed by the contrast between what has just been achieved on the floor of the Com**Ronald Butt**

WESTMINSTER Does Parliament Work? By John Garrett Gollancz, £17.99

mons over coal, and the bitter reminder from the former chairman of the energy committee of the Commons that, over the past five or six years, his committee has produced reports pointing precisely to the present dilemma, which the government ignored.

Garrett might also think about why the Treasury select committee, of which he is a member, achieved nothing when it recently grilled the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, on economic policy. Because the television cameras were broadcasting the proceedings live, the Opposi-

could not resist the temptation to concentrate on embarrassing Lamont over his failed predictions and with exhortations to resign, at the expense of more objective persistence in probing his policy. They fell into just the confrontational style Garrett despises

So let us not be beguiled into thinking that more "powerful" committees would guarantee better mainstream policies. Since our constitution makes the government dependent on a parliamentary majority, MPs will normally raily to their own side when their party interest is at stake, which gives stability to our government. But there are exceptions. One is the committees dealing with more bipartisan questions such as the environment. Another is the ability of government backbenchers to force concessions on bills. But above all there is the right and duty of a government's own MPs to vote distrust of civil service mandarins".

against it in the higher public interest if they believe that failure to do so would cause what they regard as irremediable damage.
This system, which impels Parlia-

ment both to support a government and also to control it, brings great benefits. But Garrett does not rate it highly. If we were starting "from scratch", he doubts "whether the Westminster system would be a starter". He prefers the American separation of powers — despite its tendency to produce the kind of shoddy presidential election that is now reaching its climax and its lack of our healthy ability to shed a prime minister on personal or

policy grounds in mid-term. The book is informative about parliamentary nuts-and-bolts and its ideas for improving the mechanies of legislation and investigation are stimulating. Unfortunately, what Garrett calls his biases as a "Europhil Tribunite with a deep

and a belief that Britain's troubles can be put down to "class-ridden amateurism" often undermine his managerial objectivity. He acknowledges, for instance, that if efficiency were the criterion. the Lords would be left alone, yet he sees them as an affront because they reinforce "social class divisions". He does not see that the real reason for reform is that a second chamber that can offend a Tory government but dare not offend a Labour government for fear of abolition is simply too weak.

His failure to bring political objectivity to his analysis is shown above all by his belief in the divine inevitability of Euro-federalism. The Danish referendum, he says, may bring "some pause in the move to federalism, but progress will resume before long". He rightly wants improved Westminster scrutiny of EC affairs. But he shows no interest in the right of Parliament to decide whether Maastricht will set us on the road to de facto federalism from which there would be no turning back. and if so to reject it in the name of the nation it represents.

Accordingly, a tenant who had Regina v Legal Aid Board, Ex

parte Hughes

Justice Nolan

[Judgment July 23]

for judicial review was in essence

the same as the single judge applied when he considered

whether or not to grant leave to

move namely, whether or not the applicant had prima facle an

arguable case
The Court of Appeal so stated

allowing an appeal by Gina Marie

Hughes from Mr Justice Kennedy

(The Times March 6) who had dismissed her application for ju-

dicial review of the North West

Area Committee of the Legal Aid

Board. The committee had re-

jected her appeal from the deputy

grant her legal aid to pursue her application for judicial review of a decision of Oldham Metropolitan

Tenant forfeited right to buy

Muir Group Housing Associ-ation Ltd v Thornley and

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Marin and Lord Reasons October 81

The loss by a secure tenant of his status entitled a landford to refuse to convey an estate in a dwellinghouse even though all matters relating to the grant had been

agreed between the parties.
The Court of Appeal so held in giving its reserved reasons for allowing on September 22 am appeal brought by the plaintiff, Muir Group Housing Association Ltd. against the decision of Judge Blackburn on January 14, 1992 at Stuckport County Court (1) to dismiss the plaintiff's claim for possession of 23 Parrymead, Woodley, Stockport and (ii) on the counterclaim of the defendants, Wilbraham George Thornley and Anita May Thornley, to order the plaintiff to grant them an estate in

Mr John Martin. QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Jeffrey Terry for the defendants.

fee simole absolute.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that in June 1980 the plaintiff tenancy of 23 Parrymead which a secure tenancy. In May 1989 the defendants served a written notice claiming to exercise the right to buy the freehold. The plaintiff served a notice admitting the defendants' right to buy. By July 9, 1990 all matters relating to the grant of the freehold had been agreed and completion was to take place on August 31.

However, towards the end of July the plaintiff discovered that the defendants had moved out of the house on taking up a three-year resident warden appointment and had also sub-let the whole of the house on an assured shorthold

The sub-letting was a breach of a condition of the 1980 tenancy agreement and it had the indepen dent statutory effect of the tenancy ceasing to be a secure tenancy and the defendants ceasing to be secure tenants: section 93(2) of the Housing Act 1985.

The plaintiff informed the defendants that because of the sub-letting the sale would not proceed and on November 27 sent them a notice to quit which expired on December 31. The house was not vacated and proceedings for pos-session were commenced. The defence was that the plaintiff was under a statutory duty to grant the defendants a fee simple

Judge Blackburn found that the defendants had not fully realise that sub-letting was a breach of the tenancy agreement or might affect the exercise of their right to buy and was satisfied that the defendants' right to buy had crystallised

In his Lordship's judgment there was a four-stage process in exercising the right to buy. The first was the claim to exercise the right to buy. The fourth was that of grant. The intermediate second and third stages were those of the establishment of the right and the reement on or determination of the terms of the grant.

Mr Terry submitted that the

at the time of the claim and of admission but that its loss thereafter was irrelevant save that it exposed the tenants to the risk of a possession order which, by reason of section 121 of the 1985 Act, would prevent the achievement of stage three.

He submitted that the phrase "secure tenant" and "tenant" were employed deliberately and not His Lordship found Mr Terry's

argument unconvicing: 1 The word "tenant" could be an abbreviation of "secure tenant": see for example section 125(1).

2 Section 139(2) did not refer to "a secure tenancy" but used the definite article thereby presupposing more strongly than the pro-vision relied upon by Lord Justice Ackner in Sutton LBC v Swann ((1985) 18 HLTR 140) that there

before the grant. Section 155(1) presupposed that the grantee was "the secure 4 Under section 1 (8(1) it was a

secure tenant who was given the right to buy and the right was described as being "the right, in the circumstances . . . stated in the following provisions of this Part . . . to acquire the freehold of the dwelling house". Those words enacted the assumption that throughout the stated circumstances there was a person who was at first "a" secure renant and who matured into "the," secure tenant. 5 Swann's case actually decided in

favour of the assumption which his Lordship had identified

enabled a person to acquire a house at a discount when he no longer occupied it as his only or principal home. The question which the instant case answered was quite different from the question as to when the right to buy was exercised by a secure tenant. Upon that question,

ceaed to be a secure tenant had no right which he could enforce under

section 138(3). That conclusion

accorded with his Lordship's belief

that most people would find it surprising if Parliament had en-

acted right to buy provisions which

which arose primarily under sec tion 121, the law was stated in Enfield Council v McKeon ([1986] 1 WLR 1007) and Dance v Welwyn Hatfield DC [1990] 1 WLR 1097). They had a reconcilable relationship but the reasoning in the earlier was damaged by the conclusion in the latter.

Lord Justice Leggatt agreed and Lord Justice Glidewell delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Mason & Moore Dutton, Chester: Chronnel Fitz-

patrick & Jones, Hyde.

Behaviour deplored ber 25 when discharging a Mareva injunction granted ex

Patel and Another v Sharaby It was utterly deplorable for the solicitor to a party to an action, who had secured ex parte a
Mareva injunction on the basis of
an affidavit, to distribute copies of
that affidavit to persons not party Mr Justice Millett so stated in

sein Sharaby and Moheb Sharaby, by Mr Justice Chadwick on September 10, on the ground, inter alia, that the affidavit sworn in support of their application for that injunction failed fairly or fully the Chancery Division on Septem- to set out material facts.

parte to the defendants, El Hus

become intentionally homeless.

Mr George Warr for Ms Hughes: Mr Charles Utley for the

Legal aid test same as for leave

Before Lord Donaldson of Legal Aid Board. Lymington, Master of the Rolls, THE MASTER OF THE Lord Justice Staughton and Lord ROLLS said that section 15(2) of the Legal Aid Act 1988 provided that legal aid was not to be granted The test to be applied by a legal aid unless the applicant satisfied the board that "he has reasonable committee in satisfying itself that an applicant had reasonable grounds for bringing proceedings grounds for taking ... the

proceedings".

That according to the Legal Aid Handbook 1992 was described as the legal merits test whereby the board was required to ask itself if. on the facts put forward and the relevant law, there was a case which should be put before the

In answering that question likelihood of success was expressed be over-cautious but not to grant legal aid where there was little or no hope of success.

His Lordship referred to the decision of Mr Justice Popplewell granting leave to move for judicial review. The judge had observed that the matter would have to be the council's documents. On appeal from the deputy area

director the factual material was the same save that the area committee knew of the judge's grant of leave but not of his His Lordship did not accept, as

trated the need for an independent Mr Justice Kennedy had done, that the tests to be applied by the single judge and the board were essentially different. Things had moved on since R v IRC, Ex parte National Federation of Self-Em-ployed and Small Businesses Ltd asked by the judge. He had only

(1982) AC 617, 644) where Lord Diplock had stated that leave to move for judicial review ought to be granted if on a quick perusal of the material available the court thought that on further consideration the applicant might have an arruphie case.

On an exparte application, leave ought only to be given if prima facie there was already clearly an arguable case for granting the relief claimed. That was not necessarily to be determined on a quick perusal of the material". although any in-depth examina-

Equally, it was only where prima facie there was clearly no arguable case that leave should be refused or parte. There was, however, a middle ground relating to a small category of cases where more information was needed. In such cases it was appropriate to adjourn the application for an inter partes hearing which would be quite different from a substantive bearing in that the respondent needed only to summarise its answer sufficiently to enable the judge to decide whether or not there was an

The present case, which left many duestions unanswered, was rnany quistions unainswered, was such a case and Mr Justice Popplewell should have adopted that latter course. Apart from that, the case illus-

arguable case.

specialist tribunal to deal with While it was for the area committee to make up its own mind, the question it had to ask itself was in essence no different from that

made by the applicant was such that there were reasonable grounds for leave being granted to begin proceedings which would inevitably involve the respondent in cost and administrative uncertainty. The committee asked itself

whether the applicant's case was such that there were reasonable grounds for granting representation under the legal aid scheme which would probably, if not inevitably, involve some cost to the

oublic ourse. Just as the judge should have adjourned the applicant's expane application for an inter panes hearing, so the area committee fell into a management of the second s into a related error. Like the judge it looked to the prospects for the ultimate outcome of the sub-stantive application for judicial review at a time when it had nadequate information.

His Lordship did not know how it had been able to conclude that the applicant's case was weak with

The committee misdirected itself in failing to take into account the possibility of granting limited legal aid for the purpose of evaluating the council's evidence filed in response to the grant of leave. His Lordship would therefore quash the decision and remit the matter to the board for further

Lord Justice Staughton delivered a judgment concurring in the agreed with the Master of the Rolls.

Solicitors: Mr H. R. Vincent, Oldham; Collyer-Bristow.

Scots Law Report October 29 1992

Boundary between estates follows new course of river channel

Stirling v Bartlett Before Lord Coulsfield [Judgment August 11]

Where a river formed a boundary and the owners of the land on either side by agreement altered ing a channel, the case was one of io rather than avulsio, and the boundary followed the new

course of the river.

Lord Coulsfield, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, granting decree of intendict against William Bartlett in an action brought by Roderick William Kenneth Stirling. Mr Peter Ferguson for Mr

Stirling: Mr Colin MacAulay, QC and Mr Ian Truscott for Mr

the River Orrin rose in the remote hills of the East Monar forest and pursued a generally eastward course until it made a sharp turn towards the north to join the River Conon near the ruins of Brahan

For some distance shortly before it joined the Conon it constituted the boundary between the lands owned by the pursuer and those of

The parties were agreed that, in accordance with the normal rule, the boundary was the medium filum. However, the precise course

of the river was liable to alter. In February, 1966, there had been a large flood which brought down substantial quantities of gravel and trees, tree roots and other rubbish, which material had LORD COULSFIELD said that . been deposited and caused the divided into a number of shallow

In consequence, it had been decided by the then proprietors, that a clear channel for the river should be dug out, and that had been done by a buildozer.

Some time after 1983, the defender had constructed a secondary channel on his eastern side of the river, divided from the main channel by a gravel bank. which took a proportion of the flow of the river for a fish farm. As a result of those operations.

moved some distance towards the west from the position it had occupied after the excavation of the new channel. In brief, the dispute between the

the main channel of the Orrin had

sented by the medium filum of the main channel (that is, the channel excavated following the 1966 flood as it now was after taking account of the effects of the later operations in the construction of a secondary west, representing the position of the medium filum of the main

course of the river, prior to 1966. There had been evidence that the 1967 channel had been intended to follow the line where, at that time, the principal flow of water had been, but the photographic record suggested that the excavation had not followed any principal channel existing at that

The pursuer's position was that the construction of the channel had been a lawful operation car-

various proprietors involved and had to be taken as foxing their boundary. On the other hand, the contention of the defender was that if in 1967 a new channel had been built which moved the Orrin some

On the other hand, where the course of a river changed in a sudden and violent way, whether by the operation of natural forces with human assistance, the boundary did not change. That was an application of the principle

The principles were stated in the Institutes of Justinian (11.1.20) and little had been added to them in subsequent centuries (see Attornes General for Southern Niperia v Holt (1915) AC 599)). Some

Postel Properties Ltd v Miller

It was incompetent to pronounce decree ordaining tenants to occupy and trade from a shop of which

they had taken a lease because such an order was too vague.

Lord Sutherland, sitting in the

Outer House of the Court of

Session, so held, dismissing an action of specific implement and

damages brought by Postel Prop-erties Ltd against Miller and

Mr Colin Sutherland, QC and

Mr Robert Skinner for the pursu-ers; Mr Arthur Hamilton, QC and Mr Gilmour Ivey for the

LORD SUTHERLAND said

that the pursuers as landlords under a lease of sbop premises sought decree ordaining the defenders as tenants under the lease to occupy the premises and

trade therefrom. The lease pro-vided that "the tenant shall occupy

the premises..." and obliged the tenants "To keep and use the

premises solely as retail premises."

The tenants averred that they had initially traded from the premises but had then closed the

shop because they had been trad-ing at a loss. They had been unable to find replacement tenants.

Before Lord Sutherland

[Judgment July 9]

Santhouse pic.

River Missouri, which was a winding stream, liable to rapid flows of large volumes of water from melting snows and flowed through a valley in which the underlying substratum was largely quicksand.

In consequence, it was not uncommon for large masses of soil to be detached from a bank at one time and carried away, aithough they were not swept away to be deposited at one place. Justice Brewer had said that a case in which the river suddenly changed course, for example, by cutting through the neck of a bend, would be treated as one of avulsio.

The significance of the case was that it indicated that although the changes which constituted accre-tion had to be gradual and imperceptible in the sense that at any given time they could not be seen to occur, they need not be gradual in the sense of occurring slowly over a period of years, or even months; it was sufficient if they occurred in such a way that the transfer of soil could not be

The basis of the principle of the

acquiescence (Marquis of Tweed-dale v Kerr ((1822) 1 S 397)). Attorney-General for Southern Nigeria, submitted that a change in the course of a river brought about by artificial means could not bring

bout a change in ownership. However, that case did not go so far as to exclude the possibility that a channel created by artificial work carried out with the consent of both garded as the river channel for the purpose of fixing the boundary for time being. In the present case, there was no

reason to think that the boundary before 1967 should not have been the mid-line of the main channel. wherever that then was. The effect of the flood had been virtually to leave the river without any main

It seemed to his Lordship that, given the fluctuations to which the Orrin was liable, it was common sense to treat the channel dup in 1967 as being the channel of the river for the purpose of fixing the boundary for the time being, and that there was nothing contrary to any established principle or authority in so holding.

wholly new artificial channel had been created, nor a case in which a change had been brought about by the actions of one proprietor alone.

It was a case in which the proprietors had agreed to restore a channel which had been effectively destroyed, and it was in his Lordship's view emirely consistent with principle to regard the mid-line of that channel as the

There had been some sub sequent movement of the channel, and on the principles which had now was had to represent the present boundary.

A further consideration which supported that approach was that the mid-line of the present channel was not to be taken to be the boundary, it was not easy to see where the boundary in fact was.

It was not possible to go back over the history of the river movements and determine a me-dium filum which had at one time been the boundary and which had later been denarted from in such a way as to leave the boundary

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boundary did not move with it. It was well established that

constituted the boundary between two properties, changed by the gradual and imperceptible addi-tion or substraction of soil on one bank or the other, the boundary shifted in accordance with the movement of the river. That was an application of the principle of

seen to happen before the eyes of the observer (of Stair, 11.1.34).

Decree to trade incompetent as too vague (Scotland) plc v Argyll Stores Ltd (1987 SLT 738), landlords had sought to inderdict against their tenants from ceasing to continue to

occupy and use supermarket premises, but it had been held,

inter alia, that the obligation

sought had been too general to be enforced by specific implement. The obligation to occupy and use premises and carry on a business therein involved continuous acts of management in which multifarious actions were required and it also required decisions over a period of 42 years as to what at any one time was commonly sold in supermarkets. The tenants would

have had difficulty in deciding at any given time whether they were acting in breach of it or not. An order from the court had to be precise and specific so that the defenders knew throughout the period when the order was enforced exactly what they were required to do and what they were prohibited from doing.

Moreover, in the present case the tenants had argued that all that the lease said was that the premises had to be kept and used solely for the purpose of retail trade, which was purely a restrictive clause and did not provide any positive

In reply, counsel for the pursuers argued that specific implement was a normal remedy which should be granted unless there was was impossible (White & Carter (Councils) Ltd v McGregor (1962 SC (HL) 1); Salaried Staff London Loan Co Ltd v Swears and Wells Ltd (1985 SLT 326)).

It was for the defenders to aver and prove what such exceptional circumstances would be and if they were unable to do so they had no answer to a claim for implement. It was no answer for a party in breach to say that it appeared that the contract into which he had entered had become unduly

There was nothing exception in a company trading at a loss in times of recession and equally there was nothing unusual in a company finding difficulty in obtaining alternative tenants for

The tenants' averments which purported to show that there were some exceptional circumstances which would justify the court in exercising its equitable jurisdiction to refuse a decree for specific implement were irrelevant; decree

should be granted de plano.

In his Lordship's opinion the obligation "to keep and use the premises solely as retail premises" was intended to be a positive obligation. Had it been intended to be a negative restriction, it

premises other than as retail However, it did not necessarily follow that it could be made the subject of an order for implement. Where what was required to be done by one party was not a clear and specific act to be performed at a clear and specific time, but was

simply a general duty to be performed over a long period

during which circumstances might change, his Lordship considered that the inevitable aura of vagueness which must surround any such proposition was fatal to a party seeking an order ad factum It would not do for the pursuers simply to say that everybody knew what was meant by occupying a shop and everybody knew what

was meant by using a shop as retail If that argument was valid, all that would be necessary in the pursuers conclusion would be an order ordaining the defenders to carry out their obligations under the lease without giving any fur-

ther specification. it was clear that the Court would never pronounce such an order. The present case was indistinguishable from Grosvenor

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would have been perfectly possible to have expressed it as an obliga-In Grosvenor Developments Televised evidence order refused

HM Advocate v Birkett Before the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord

[Judgment July 17] Where children aged between four and six were to give evidence regarding the use of a knile, and a child aged eight who had a close relationship with the accused was to give evidence against him, there were insufficient grounds to order that their evidence be taken by 2 television link instead of in open

The Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross) so held in the High Court of

Justiciary, refusing in hoc statu a petition by the Lord Advocase for

an order under section 56 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990. Section 56 provides: "(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) below, where a child has been cited to give evidence in a trial, the court may, on an application being made to it, authorise the giving of evidence by

the child by means of a live television link. "(2) The court may grant an application under subsection (1) above only on cause shown having regard in particular to — (a) the possible effect on a child if required to give evidence, no such application having been granted; and (b) where it is likely that the child would be better able to give evidence if such application were granted.

"(3) In considering whether to grant an application ... the court may take into account, where appropriate, any of the following — (a) the age and maturity of the child, (b) the nature of the alleged offence. (c) the nature of the evidence which the child is likely to he called on to give; and (d) the relationship, if any, between the child and the accused."

Mr Roderick Macdonald, OC and Mr Iain Bonomy for the Lord Advocate, Miss Margaret Scott for

THE LORD JUSTICE-CLERK said that the application was not opposed in respect of one of the children, who was aged three. However, the petition also con-cerned two children aged six and eight who were said to be quiet and hesitant and to require to give raumatic evidence.

The eight year old felt ioyalty both to his mother, the complainer, and to the accused, with whom he had had a close relationship. It was felt that there was divided loyalty in his case. The remaining two children, aged four and six, were said to require to give evidence of a frightening nature regarding the use of a knile. It was said of all the children that they would be better able to give evidence outwith the

. Miss Scott had stressed that it

was not suggested that the children

were frightened and emphasised that age was not in itself a sufficient ground. The two older children had had a close relationship with the accused, whereas the other two were not related to him or to the complainer and they had not lived in the same household as

She had recognised that the children would be speaking to a somewhat frightening event, but had emphasised that that would be so whether they gave evidence in open court or by means of a live television link. It was not a case involving sexual abuse. His Lordship was not satisfied that cause had been shown at that

stage for the granting of the On the other hand his Lordship was conscious that difficulties might be encountered when the evidence of the children was

sought to be taken in open court

and was anxious that at that stage, the trial judge, if he thought fit, could order that the cyldence of the children should be taken by means of a television link.

The Crown agreed that it would

not be incompetent to continue the application for consideration by the trial judge, but considered that it would be undesirable to do so, because steps had to be taken before the trial to put the children at their ease. They were given guidance by procurator fiscals, and were visited before the trial and it was ex-

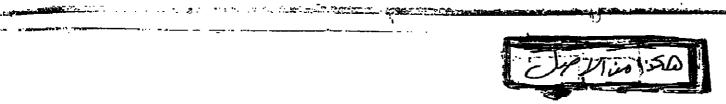
plained to them where they would

have to stand when giving their evidence. It would be unsatisfac-tory to leave the arrangements In the circumstances, his Lordship had, however, refused to grant the application in hoc statu in order to emphasise that if circumstances had changed by the time of the trial, and if it appeared appropriate to the trial judge to order that the evidence of the children should be taken by means

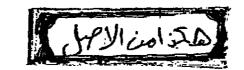
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of a relevision link, he would be able to do so by making an order in terms of the petition. Law agents: Crown Agent: Andrew Hadden & Crowe, Hawick.



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Jonathan Prynn reports

or most companies, the recent turnoil in the foreign exchange markets has introduced yet another unwelcome element of instability and anxiety into their already difficult trading environments. Not. however, at Reuters, the doyen of international newsgathering organisations. The company supplies the raw material that drives the decision-making processes of boardrooms, trading floors and governments around the world - information. Never is that commodity in such great demand as at times of turmoil. Far more importantly for Reuters' profits, the great international news events, on

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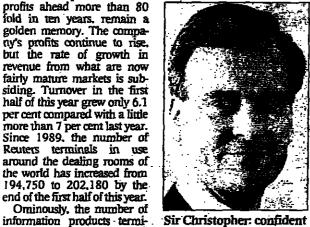
flowing across the foreign exchanges in September brought a welcome bout of frenetic trading to the markets after two years of depressed activity during the global economic slowdown.

Even so, the glory days of the 1980s, when the huge growth in international financial markets pushed Reuters profits ahead more than 80 fold in ten years, remain a golden memory. The company's profits continue to rise, but the rate of growth in revenue from what are now fairly mature markets is subsiding. Turnover in the first half of this year grew only 6.1 per cent compared with a little more than 7 per cent last year. Since 1989, the number of Reuters terminals in use around the dealing rooms of the world has increased from 194,750 to 202,180 by the end of the first half of this year.

nals actually fell by 200 dur-ing the first half of 1992. But the Reuters board, chaired since 1984 by Sir Christopher Hogg, has no intention of marching into an entirely new business area in the search for growth markets. Rather, the company will go on with its policy of continually developing new products within its specialised fields of news dissemination and financial trading systems. Ever since Paul Julius Reu-

ter, the founder of the company, used pigeon post to bridge the gap in European telegraph lines in 1850, Renters has proved adept at developing or exploiting new modes of communication. A recent example has been the move into television-based news reporting. In July, Reuters bought out the 49 per cent that it did not already own of Visnews, the television news network with 35 offices around the world.

The move, though not earth-shattering in itself, adds yet another information source to be fed into the banks and securities houses where Reuters has its dealing screens. Although the technol-ogy is not available for commercial sale yet, the idea is to



face, or perhaps his lips, as he makes his statement live on television. A move of possibly even greater importance was announced on October 13, when Reuters emerged as one of the

> million takeover of ITN. Exciting developments of this kind are a far cry from the traditional image of Reuters objective and highly respected in its news coverage but oldfashioned and unimaginative in its professional management. For the most of this century, shareholders in Reuters did not expect to see the

investors in a proposed £30-

develop screens that double up

as data display units and

television screens showing re-

Just reading what the Amer-

ican president has to say about

the markets may not be

enough, runs the argument.

The dealer might want to be

able to read the president's

ports from Visnews.

On the spot Toshio Kojima, Tokyo reporter, takes notes at the scene of the Japan Air Lines jumbo jet crash in 1985 company produce a profit, let alone a dividend.

The events of the 1980s, when profits spiralled and the company was floated, left the traditional and admirable aspects of Reuters unscathed, in particular its reputation for providing up-to-the-minute, impartial news coverage. That is just as well, for it is that image that, in part, gives Remers' screen dealing products their strength in the market-place.

Service is still seen as a weakness at Reuters and is an area the company will have to concentrate on in the tougher markets of the 1990s. Martin Mabbut, an analyst at the securities house, Nomura, says: "With demand severely depressed, the company has turned its attention to establishing the means to measure its performance in dealing with clients, including such things as response times when

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customers report problems." Reuters also needs to give attention to providing more sophisticated presentation and analysis of the raw financial data that it provides or risk falling dangerously behind its main competitors. Pont and Bloomberg, in this area.

Despite the tougher market

conditions, Reuters continues to generate vast sums of cash. Next year, net cash resources are expected to reach almost £900 million. Not surprisingly, Sir Christopher will not iscuss such surpluses. Reuters is unlikely to diversi-

far from the informationbased markets that have served it well since the middle of the last century. Despite the

Beating off challengers nstant news is a con-

late 20th century, and one that a growing number of sources are striving to meet. Despite determined competition from rival agencies and a prolifera-tion of 24-hour satellite news channels, Reuters has maintained its position as the world's pre-eminent news-gatherer for more than a century.

Reuters boasts 118 bu-reaux worldwide, staffed by more than 1,200 journalists filing news copy and photographs 24 hours a day to nearly 3,000 media clients. Daily monitoring of a revolving selection of 50 newspapers around the world reveals that Reuters accounts for more than 50 per cent of all credited wire service use in all con-

tinents except North America, where its main rival, the US agency Associated Press (AP), dominates. Until earlier

this year, when Reuters revised its pricing struc-ture with the introduction of different tariffs for tabloids, midmarket and

proliferating sources of news in the world, Sir Christopher

believes that demand for Reu-

ters' services will continue to

grow. As well as the vast and

untapped markets, of the

emerging East European democracies and Africa, Reuters

hopes to benefit from a world-

wide trend towards empha-

sising education and training.

In both spheres, Reuters sees a profitable role. Growth

rates are unlikely to match

those of the past ten years - if

they did the company's turn-

over would outstrip the current

gross domestic product of the

United Kingdom in about 15

years. However. Reuters will at

least be able to look to the

future with confidence. For a

company that will have been

around for a century and a

half by the turn of the millen-

nium and still has one of the

most respected brand names

in the world, that seems only

broadsheet newspapers, it had 100 per cent coverage of the UK media market. The Daily Telegraph dropped Reuters for Agence France Presse (AFP) after a 120 per cent price rise. The Economist, facing a 350 per cent price rise, also switched to AFP for a trial period before coming to "a new arrangement" with Reuters. The Sunday Times saw its monthly Reuters bill rise from £1.900 to £7,890, but sister titles at News International, such as The Sun, Today and News of the World, saw their bills cut.

At the time, Nigel Wade, The Telegraph's foreign

editor, insisted that Reugrounds of cost, not quality - a point Mark Wood, the editor-in-chief of Reuters, wants to emphasise. "We hope The Daily Telegraph will come back. There has been some grumbling about the price rises, but the group has not made any extra money from the new tariff structure," he says. Media clients account for only 6 per cent of Reuters'

overall revenue. Reuters, which says The Telegraph's bill was equivalent to the cost of two staff foreign correspondents, is adamant that its wire services will be in increasing demand because recessioninspired cost-cutting at most British newspapers has resulted in the closure

of foreign bureaux.

Mr Wood says "wordage" used by British newspapers has more than doubled in the past four or five years. "What newspaper now has a bureau in Kiev or Bombay as we do?" he says. Mr Wood is dismissive of those who argue that 24-hour

such as CNN, BBC World Service Television and Sky News will make traditional wire agencies redundant.

Wood: changes

He agrees that during the Gulf war. CNN "changed the game a bit", but claims that television news will never be able to provide the same depth because many important news stories do not translate into pictures and in any case require the sort of analysis that TV is loath to provide. Besides, he adds, all the TV news channels are Reuters clients.

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ahead of its competitors. Mr Job is also the head of a company whose main revenue is derived from selling banking products. The latest interim results revealed a slowdown of revenue growth, but Mr Job is philosophical about the fall in demand for banking products. "The financial markets are always in a state of flux." he says. "There is always something hissing and boiling. "The equities market in China

company's latest annual report

features scenes from the Russian

coup. an item carried by Reuters

three minutes and 44 seconds

may not be very interesting now. but in ten years' time that may be different. I do not believe that this activity will stop, but it will be up to us to find where it is."

What will change is the way in which people will apply modern computer technology to make trad-ing in financial markets quicker, fairer and cheaper to operate. Mr Job predicts all sorts of multimedia applications - for example, computers responding to spoken orders from traders and videos of important speeches appearing in a corner

of traders' screens.

To deal with such developments, Reuters will have to change its structure. We need to find out how to spend less time administering. and more time ensuring that the customer gets what he wants." Mr Job says. "For example, wouldn't it be nice if, when a terminal was first turned on in the morning, the screen display most used the day before came up automatically?" The need to get close to the

customer will dictate changes in the geographical structure, too. "We are already extremely decentralised", he says, "but computer technology will make it easier for local competitors. We will have to localise our products more by increasing the flexibility of design and devolving investment. In ten years' time, there will be more power to the elbow of the person

nearest the customer." However, Reuters will not need more employees to deal with the new emphasis. On the contrary, Mr Job considers reducing corporate staff numbers to be the challenge. The corporate staff should be less concerned with



Peter Job, above, discusses his hopes for the future of

the agency as it faces ever tougher competition

detail," he says. "If we can achieve this, we shall know the job is already being done properly locally." Reuters' news agency business, which produces only between 6 and 7 per cent of total revenues, is also in a state of flux. "Television is developing new dimensions faster than anything in text. The concept of 24-hour news channels is new outside the US. It is not evident that newspapers are changing in the same way." says Mr Job, who admits to a nagging worry about newspapers' loss of readers aged between 18 and 38.

It was his conclusion that "television will multiply, textual media may struggle" that led in July to Reuters taking full control of Visnews, an international television news agency, giving Reuters a more powerful and integrated network than any other agency.

The move has been a long time in the pipeline. "The vision has always been there," says Mr Job, who points out that Reuters has had shares in Visnews since the mid 1950s. Integration of the television people with journalists and photographers will also take "quite a number of years". Barriers



Always in the picture: a Reuters cameraman in the front line

will disappear slowly as, for example, camera equipment gets lighter. Mr Job concedes that finding an individual who combines the visual expertise of a cameraman with the writing and analytical skills of a journalist is not always easy, but he insists that the organisation will require "interchangeability" and expect "mutual assistance".

He says drily: "If you put them all on a football field and face them all in the right direction, they will see the advantages of working as a team when they see a whole load of burly-looking people charging at them from the other side."

Despite the loss of The Daily Telegraph account to Agence France Presse, Mr Job is bullish about the competition. With more than 1,000 journalists in 75 countries, the company is, he believes, unassailable. Other divisions account for another 9,000 employees. but the culture of the organisation is still derived from its journalistic origins. "Journalists like things that move. They are inveterately curious; they like looking at new things," Mr Job says. "Financial markets are not dissimilar."

The telegraph was a godsend to the founder of the company.

ntil the middle of last century, the hottest of news travelled at the speed of a galloping horse. A messenger took three days to ride from Queen Elizabeth's deathbed in London to offer the throne to King James in Edinburgh. London learnt of Napoleon's death in St. Helena two months after the event, as long as it took the news of Nelson's victory on the Nile to reach the Admiralty. Reports of Wellington's conquest of the field of Waterloo were raced to The Times in a mere four days.

A small and seemingly insignifi-cant event changed all that for ever. On August 6, 1844, the first electric message in Britain was sent by telegraph wire from Windsor to London, announcing the birth of Queen Victoria's second son. Not only Prince Alfred, but also the age of electric, and ultimately electronic, news transmission were born that day.

In the founding of any successful enterprise, timing is all. Reuters was no exception, and had it not already existed in today's world of electronics and instant news, somebody would invent it pretty

quickly.

When the end of the Napoleonic wars brought a period of peace to the Continent, trade and financial speculation grew enormously in Europe, and with it grew the demand for news of stock market prices on the main bourses. The scent of revolution in Paris in 1848 and fears for the stability of the established order

sharpened appetites for financial and political news. Like many other intellectuals and men of letters, Julius Reuter gravitated to Paris that year, abandoning the bookshop he had established in Berlin. He found work as a translator in the Correspondance Garnier, an early news agency that collected extracts from European papers and delivered them

daily to the French press. Ju Reuter. a sharp-witted businessman, quickly saw an op-portunity in the other direction. He set up his own agency gather-ing material from French papers and sending it to any subscribers he could find in the German provincial press.

Within a few months, the enterprise had failed, killed off largely by the blanket of censorship that had descended on France in the wake of the abortive revolution. His only hope, lay in commercial news, still available and still much

The birth of the telegraph gave him his chance. In 1849, the

Words that won over the world

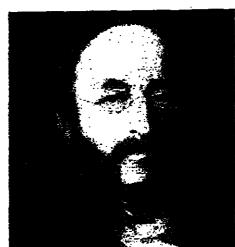
Prussian state telegraph line opened from Berlin as far as Aachen Reuter established himself at its western end, offering a service of Berlin bourse closing prices to clients in Aachen.

Soon afterwards, the telegraph opened between Paris and Brussels, leaving a 100-mile gap between Brussels and Aachen that a mail train took nine hours to bridge Reuter immediately offered a faster service — by pigeon.

News by pigeon was not new. In

Antwerp, there were 25,000 work-

ing birds, and since 1837 The Times had been using them to carry Paris stock prices to Boulogne, where they were put on a



Julius Reuter: sharp-witted opportunist

fast boat for England and Printing House Square. Reuter acquired 40 birds. As soon as the Brussels bourse closed, his agent wrote the prices on tissue paper, placed them in tiny silk bags under the birds'

wings, and released them.

Up in the Aachen pigeon loft,
Reuter was waiting to detach the
bags and distribute the news. Total time of transmission was only two hours. That enterprise, too, failed after eight months. The gap in the telegraph line was closed, and the birds joined the unemployed. Following the expanding tele-graph network, which was starting

to cover the map of Europe in an intricate pattern of crochef work, Reuter noticed that London had just been connected to Paris by undersea cable. He came to England in 1851 and set up an office near the Stock Exchange. Soon he was supplying the brokers and merchants of London and Paris with the opening and closing with the opening and closing prices on the bourses of the two

capitals. As the wires spread across the Continent, so did Reuter's service, soon encompassing every main European stock exchange and broadening to include items of more general news.

Timing again was on Reuter's side Largely as a result of thundering leaders in The Times, the British press was relieved of the burden of stamp duty in 1855. opening the way to the diverse mass-circulation press we know today. In 1854, the total circulation of dailies in Britain was less than 100,000, and half of that was The Times. Sixteen years later the

Daily News alone was selling 150,000 a day. The demand for Renter's telegrams grew apace. Not from everybody, however.

Not from everyoody, inwever.
The extraordinarily grand Times, having its own extensive network of foreign correspondents far exceeding that of any other paper, thought it had no need of Reuter's service. Your telegraphic summar ies of foreign intelligence will not be used by *The Times*," Mowbray Morris, the newspaper's manager, wrote hangittily to Reuter in reply to his offer of the daily exchange rates in Brussels, Amsterdam and Vienna for

eight guineas a year. However, The Times was in danger of falling behind the times. Its correspondents, such as W.H. Russell. individually brilliant, were unschooled in the electric age and rejuctant to use the new technology of the telegraph. They were accurate, but prone to slowness; the newspaper was being beaten to the

news by its penny rivals.
Russell's enormous £5,000 telegraph bill for filing reports of the siege and subsequent relief of Luckpow after the Indian munny in 1857 seem to have contributed to a change of mind at Printing

House Square. In 1858, The Times agreed to subscribe to Reuter's telegrams. There has probably not been an edition since that has not, some where in its pages carried a selection of them.

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New services have changed the style of the big money business

Markets act on screen

THE foreign exchange markets went into meltdown last month, a million million dollars in currency changed hands in a few hours. Perhaps a third of the deals were conducted on an electronic system that has become familiar to dealers around the world since it was introduced nearly 20 years ago. The Reuter Monitor system was opened in June 1973 to serve 250 subscribers. Today, dealing rooms in London, New York and Tokyo are linked to a network that embraces 100,000 terminals in 120 countries.

The success of Monitor and other systems encouraged Reuters to seek a stock market listing in 1984. Profits had quadrupled as new subscribers signed up, and directors and shareholders seized on the opportunity to unlock their capital. Eight years on, the value of Reuters shares has risen from 196p to about £12.

Few appreciated the significance when a small electronic device started appear-ing in commodity and equity dealing rooms in summer, 1964. Stockmaster was the first international computerised information retrieval system.

Reuters had no computer technology of its own nor much capital in June 1964, when it signed a contract with Ultronic Systems Corporation, the American inventor of Stockmaster. The deal gave Reuters worldwide rights outside North

Ultronic, founded in 1961 by Radio Corporation of America engineers, fed ticker tape from exchanges and markets to a master computer, which passed it to Stockmaster. Price quotes were flashed out on demand.

Ultronic and Scautlin, its American rival, later to become Quotron, had moved into Europe in 1964 to serve brokerage subscribers in Geneva, London and Paris. Competition intensified when Telequote, a third American quotation service, forced its way into the European market with aggressive pricing. Reuters halved the basic Stockmaster subscription to \$750 a month. Early losses were more than overcome and Stockmaster made a

profit for Reuters every year after 1965.
The task of convincing sceptical European companies of the merits of the expensive system went to Glen Renfrew, later to become managing director. He admits that few people could have foreseen the huge growth in demand. "A survey commissioned by Ultronic originally put the potential European market

At first the idea looked a flop. But soon the system was making huge profits.

for Stockmaster at 30 units," Mr Renfrew says. "We thought this was on the low side but did not realise at the time just how low.

By 1968, more than 500 units were in use in Switzerland, the UK, France, Belgium, West Germany and The Netherlands. The first Asian Stockmasters appeared in Hong Kong in 1966, and the service spread to Latin America the next year.

Dealers found they had access to virtually instantaneous quotations and market information on 8,000 American, Canadian and European stocks and commodities. Available data included last traded price, time of trade, current bid and offer, high and low for the day's trading, cumulative volume, dividend and earnings. None of this came cheap. By the mid 1960s, Reuters was borrowing heavily. By 1972, investment in new

equipment totalled £1.2 billion a year. Mr Renfrew and his team began exploiting rivalries between competing stock markets to boost sales. "Gradually. the exchanges came to realise that the new-fangled foreign technology they so feared at first did in fact attract business to

their markets and increased trading volumes dramatically," he says.

The system had one serious drawback:

it covered only prices. Without news, dealers were unable to put price movements in context, and it was not until 1970 that Reuters introduced a news service to fill the gap.

Stockmaster helped to make Reuters' name as a provider of real-time informa-

tion services, but competition for business was, and still is, intense. A race against at least two other rivals to create a computerised financial and news retrieval service resulted in the start of Reuter Monitor Money Rates service in 1973.

After the Bretton Woods Agreement on exchange rates collapsed in 1971, currency dealers could no longer rely on the telex and telephone for their trades. Seconds counted, and the world needed a combined news and trading service.

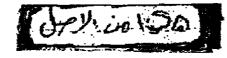
Monitor had a poor start. Three months after an expensive, widely pubcised launch, the few subscribers who had signed up feared the service was close to collapse. Members of the London Foreign Exchange Brokers Association did not order it until 1977.

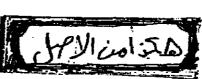
Late delivery of equipment was a problem, a sharp rise in costs was another. But once running, Monitor was a money-spinner, making £100 million in

profits in its first ten years. Reuter Monitor Dealing, a two-way stem started in 1981, took the process further. Foreign exchange and bond dealers could receive real-time news and prices and make transactions on the same screen without touching a telex or telephone. Today, the system has 10,000 subscribers in 73 countries.

Between \$300 billion and \$450 billion is traded on the foreign exchanges every (day, and Reuters claims that about a third of the volume is transacted over the Monitor Dealing system.

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THE TIMES THURSDAY OCTOBER 29 1992 41 It pays to be well-connected.

Making the best information work harder

Beginning with breakfast

The next advance lies in broadcasting.

Melinda Wittstock reports

hether by carrier pigeon, telegraph or satellite, Reuters has always made it its business in the past 140 years to be at the cutting edge of news

Since July when it bought out the minority shareholders in Visnews, the world's largest television picture agency. Reuters has been unable to conceal its ambition to become a major league player in global television news.

Earlier this month, its surprise takeover bid for Independent Television News (ITN) as one member of a consor-tium including Michael Green's Carlton Communications, LWT and Central Television — confirmed what many in the news business had suspected all along. Reuters is expanding into hmadeasting

Visnews, which has 35 bureaux worldwide, has always been a wholesaler of television news. Until recently, it was content to provide most broadcasters, from the BBC and Sky News to the American networks NBC, CBS and Fox. with pictures and sound from



News check: an editor selects pictures for an early morning television bulletin

around the world. But now it is moving inexorably into television news reporting.

Seventy Visnews staff, from reporters to technicians, are now dedicated to supplying GMTV, which replaces TVam as ITV's breakfast licencee in January, with national and international news for about £10 million a year. A similar news supply agreement has been mooted with London News Network, a new local news programme to be jointly produced by LWT Carlton from January 1.

Reuters, which has never before invested in broadcasting, could soon control 20 per cent of ITN, which is guaranteed the right to supply news to ITV until 2003. ITN had

feared that Visnews, together with Carlton and LWT, would challenge its status as sole news provider when reviewed by the Independent Television Commission in 1995. But the bid, if agreed by ITN's ITV company shareholders. will wipe out at one stroke the only threat to ITN's monopoly, while guaranteeing Visnews a place in the broadcasting

Mark Wood, Reuters' editor-in-chief, is coy about his company's ambitions in-broadcasting. "We have ideas but it is too early to spell them out publicly," he says.

He denies any plans to merge Visnews with ITN, but

lirmament.

nonetheless points to obvious "long-term synergies" be-

Customers are demanding concessions as competition increases in a crowded market

company, but of course we will compete for that contract." Mr Wood says. He denies that Reuters, or

the other three members of the consortium bidding for ITN. have any plans to build ITN into a global broadcaster to rival the news network CNN. That's been done. We have to deal with the commercial reality of CNN, Sky News and BBC World Service Television. But there may be opportunities to create other

narrower, more focused services," he says.

Mr Wood refuses to be drawn on the specifics, but a financial news network is one very real possibility. Pointing to the demise two years ago of European Broadcasting Channel (EBC), the first pan-European business TV station. Mr Wood says: "We're going to be cautious and careful. Financial television is littered with corpses and we do not

intend to be one of them." Reuters has already decided to add moving pictures to its text-based services, which would make it possible for a live television feed from a press conference to appear on the screen alongside written wire copy. Soon Reuters correspondents will find themselves doing pieces to camera as well as filing written reports for the

Visnews's turnover has grown from £10 million a year in 1981 to £60 million in 1991. If Mr Wood has his way, it will perhaps even treble

Independence has taken the place of patriotism



On the firing line: a Reuters photographer moves into position for a news picture

The news of the relief of Mafeking in 1900 was handed to a train driver and hidden in a sandwich before being telegraphed to an astonished British public. The message, reported by a Reu-ters correspondent who had been tipped off by the Boers two days before it became official, so electrified people's imagination that Queen Victoria herself asked to see the reporter's telegram.

Nothing in the history of war reporting by Reuters cor-respondents around the world has matched the excitement of the Mafeking scoop. Yet the ingenuity, stamina and integrity of the Reuters man reporting from the front line have remained undimmed since those heady times when dramatic foreign news stories could take days to hit the front

pages of the papers at home. In those days, Reuters adopted a fiercely patriotic approach to war reporting when Britain was involved and took great care to ensure that bad news was never delivered in stark prose to shatter the morale of the country. The general rule was that bad news should be minimised and good news cheerfully presented. On the first day of the battle of the Somme in July 1916, there were 600,000 British casualties, dead and wounded. Reuters reported that casualties were thought to be light.

However, over the years, as Reuters gained greater inde-pendence and employed correspondents from many countries, the rules of war reporting changed. Reuters stopped taking sides and always tried to report a war from both camps. During the Falklands conflict n 1982, the secretary of the D-

Reports from the front

Reuters to be patriotic and not report that British troops had arrived at Ascension Island, the first leg of the 8,000-mile trip to the South Atlantic. But the editor, then a German, told the retired admiral he was not British.

The first wars covered by Reuters, such as the Austro-Prussian war of 1866 and the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-

The general rule was that bad news should be minimised

produced short, pithy telegrams which laid out the basic facts. It was too expensive to send long colourful accounts. According to Donald Read, author of The Power of News, The History of Reuters, news sent by telegraph in the earliest days between India and London cost £1 a word.

The first colonial war Reuters reported from the front line was the expedition against Emperor Theodore of Abyssinia in 1867-8. The expedi-

Bombay in October 1867 and Reuters was there to report the occasion: "Bombay (via Trieste) Sep 29: The advance guard of the Abyssinian field force, consisting of about 1,400 troops and 1,000 horses and mules sails on the October 5, and will be followed a month later by the rest of the expeditionary force."

A Reuters correspondent, believed to be a serving officer, rode with the column which made the final dash to the Emperor's capital and on April 21, 1868, a Reuters legram sent from British Army headquarters in Talanta revealed that Magdala, the emperor's headquarters, and its fortifications had been "en-

tirely destroyed". In 1938, Dick Sheepshanks, reporting the Spanish civil war from Franco's side. became the first Reuters correspondent to be killed, when a shell landed close to a car in which he was sitting with three other journalists. He and two of his companions died. The only one to survive was Kim Philby, The Times correspondent and already a Soviet

Five Reuters men died covering the second world war, others were injured, including Jack Smythe who parachuted in for the Arnhem landings in September 1944. He was wounded in the fierce fighting and after being captured was interrogated by the Gestapo for 17 days. Today, in the former Yugo-slavia, Reuters correspondents

such as Andrej Gustincic and John Fullerton are carrying on the tradition of reporting the horrors of war from the front line, often at great risk to

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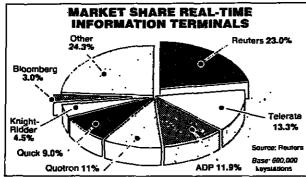
Ready for the

rivals euters made its fortune from electronic dealing systems such as Stockmaster and Monitor Dealing. Today the challenge is to keep ahead of the competition in a

more concessions. David Ure. the marketing and technical policy director. admits that competition from Telerate. Quotron. Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg and others

crowded market in which

customers are demanding



plenty of scope for new oppor-

The new 2000 range of dealing and information services takes Monitor Dealing several steps forward. One of the biggest problems with new products, however, is making them popular enough to take off by themselves.

and jump into something new." Mr Ure says.

Domestic competition does not help. Reuters has been openly critical of the Stock Exchange for restricting the dissemination of company news to its Topic screen-based system. "We've always said that the Stock Exchange has share, but says there is still they've been doing in the past fairly." Mr Ure says. "Now it is Reuters is considering branch-

open to competition, but it will take time for word to get

"Visnews will continue to sup-ply the BBC, while WTN Worldwide Television News,

Visnews' main rival] will con-tinue to supply ITN, but that

does not mean that ITN might

not help us expand into finan-

cial television, for instance," he says. "ITN has experience and

infrastructure we do not have

and can help us expand into

new areas. But that doesn't

change the fact that we will

continue to concentrate on

Visnews. which recently ousted WTN as CBS's suppli-

er, could easily end up win-

ning a supply contract with ITN when WIN's contract

expires within the next 18

months. "A shareholder can-

being a supplier."

Mr Ure dismisses sugges-tions that Reuters has peaked. He says: "There is still a long way to go." Reuters has a comparatively

small market share in North America, where it faces stiff competition from Teletron. Quotron and Bloomberg. It faces huge resident competi-tion from Quick in Japan, but is making good inroads in Hong Kong. The Pacific Rim has great potential.

Reuters is thinking of sup-plying software to allow anybody with a desktop computer to plug into Reuter information services. At the moment, users must buy an inclusive Reuters package. A new ver-sion of the 2000 range is planned. Large UK companies ne



Ure: still plenty of scope

ing out from its traditional City base into the wider corporate world.

"Clearly, our market is not seeing the expansion it was in the 1980s," Mr Ure says, "but quite a lot of the financial markets are doing well in general terms, futures and options in particular."

JON ASHWORTH | notice committee appealed to General Napier assembled at

Time magazine described the Reuters flotation as a saga that had almost everything

The controversial unlocking of great wealth

preparing for one of the most intriguing and controversial stock market flotations in its history. The talk in wine bars, dealing rooms and boardrooms was of Reuters, which had grown overnight from a sprawling, cobweb-laden news machine into one of the greatest money-spinners City observers could recall.

£16 million between 1980 and 1981, and more than doubled to £36 million in 1982. The question was not whether Reuters should go public, but when and how. The biggest problem was how

did not own them directly. Instead, the shares were held in trust by the Newspaper Publishers Association, which divided the shares using a complicated points system. A daily paper was award-

The result was long and heated bartering, in which the press barons tried to pin down their

cent stake. News International, the owner of The Sun and The Times, was looking at a £90 million windfall, and £40 million was at stake for The Daily Telegraph.

tion were raised as early as 1977, but it took the profits surge of the early 1980s to convince directors of the merits of a listing. Reuters Holdings was regis-

All financial futures traded

on the CME and CBOT are

now on Globex, with the

larger agricultural contracts

still to come. The ultimate aim

is to extend links to other exchanges, thereby bringing additional products on to the

system. At present, the only other exchange signed up is the Paris-based Marché à

Terme International de

France (Matif) and acceptance

testing of the system has now started with a view to the

exchange coming on line in

the first half of next year. The

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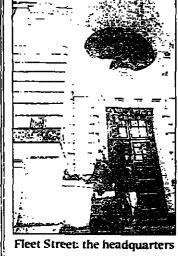
also expected to sign up for

tered as a public limited company on April 11, 1984. The next month three non-executive directors were appointed: (Sir) Christopher Hogg, the chairman and chief executive of Courtaulds, Pehr Gyllenhammar, the chairman of Volvo, and Walter Wriston, the

one of the largest ever issued. It was advertised in full over nine pages in four national newspapers. When dealings began on June 4, 1984, shareholders had

and New York at 196p a share raised £221 million for Reuters and its newspaper shareholders. In London, shares rose to 216p before easing to close at 212p.

battles, missing heirs and angry workers, high technology and hard news". The newspaper groups made £152 million and the news agency, £53 million.



The UK's national newspapers and provincial press answered for valued at about £1 billion. Express Newspapers stood to make £120 four sets of parties could unlock their shareholdings. Chief among million from its disputed 12 per 41 per cent of Reuters shares, but them were the Australian. British

Profits rose from £4 million to

and New Zealand newspaper publishers that collectively owned Reuters. Three directors, including Glen Renfrew, Reuters' managing director, had been permitted to buy into a new class of non-voting E shares in 1981 as a form of executive benefit. Reuters' trustees were keen to protect and preserve editorial integrity. Employees' interests also had to be considered.

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Plans for a stock-market flota-

Citicorp chairman. The 72-page prospectus was The flotation was described by Time as a saga that had almost everything: "high-risk corporate strategies and fierce boardroom

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I he transaction products division of Reuters has had a good year so far. But then it was due one. In the past few years it has been dogged by two very late, very high-profile projects. Dealing 2000-2 is an automatic order matching system for foreign exchange dealing: Globex is something similar for futures and options. The former went live in April of this year, the latter on June 25.

Reuters is the undisputed market leader when it comes to datafeeds but, never lacking in ambition, it has also sought to provide electronic links be-tween traders. Its Monitor and Dealing 2000-1 foreign exchange dealing systems were launched in 1981 and 1989

respectively.
Dealing 2000-2 goes an important step further by offering electronic matching for spot foreign exchange deals. Dealers enter bids and offers from their screens, detailing currency, amount and price. These are then matched by the system and, having checked the credit ratings of the two parties, the trade is executed automatically. The system is anonymous — dealers do not know who they are dealing with until the trade has been

The main benefit of order matching is reduced overheads, alleviating the need for an intermediary. At present Reuters has the market to itself, but two rival systems are due, both of which will work along similar lines to Dealing 2000-2. The first is from Minex, a powerful consortium of the top 18 Japanese banks.

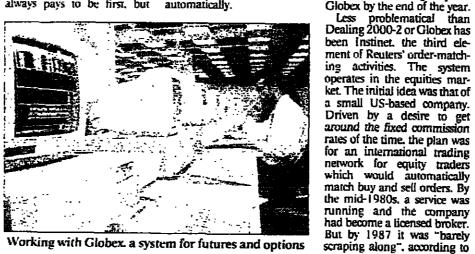
Electronic trading comes on stream

a handful of Japanese brokers, plus KDD, the Japanese telecommunications giant and Telerate, the Reuters arch rival. The second is the Elec-tronic Broking Service (EBS), which is backed by another dealing room systems supplier. Quotron, plus ten banks in the United States. United Kingdom and Switzerland (the UK participants are Barclays, the Midland and the

National Westminster banks). At least Reuters' system is up and running: EBS and Minex might themselves be subject to delays. Nevertheless, the fact that Dealing 2000-2 was almost two years late has given rivals time to catch up. "It always pays to be first, but

when we started this project we expected Reuters to be there long before this," says Peter Bartko, chairman of EBS.

The second cause for cele-bration at Reuters this year was the arrival of Globex. In 1987 Reuters and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) signed a contract to build a system which would provide electronic trading for futures and options outside the regular trading hours. They were later joined by the other major exchange in the city, the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT). As with Dealing 2000-2. Globex links buyers and sellers electronically, matching bids and orders automatically.



today's Instinet chairman, Michael Sanderson, and was handling only about 0.25 per cent of the total number of equity deals done in the US. Reuters bought the company in 1987 and turned it into a wholly owned subsidiary.

"It is an idea whose time has arrived." Mr Sanderson says. Volumes are now growing at about 50 per cent a year, Mr Sanderson claims, and today it handles about 5 per cent of all

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Michael Sanderson: timing

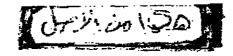
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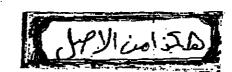
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SPORTS LETTERS

Drug rules need to be more clearly defined

From Professor Arnold Beckett Sir. The legality of the sending home of the two British weightlifters from the Barcelona Olympics, with the possibil-ity of a life han, and the banning of three German athletes is being challenged (report, October 22).

These actions could only take place because of the unannounced and unpublished inclusion under the banned class of adrogenic anabolic steroids of the very widely used anti-bronchitic and anti-asthma group of drugs called Beta-2-agonists. include Salbutanol (Ventolin). Terbutaline (Bricanyl). Clenbuterol (Spiropent), etc.

Beta-2-agonists have been known for many years to protect protein at the expense of lipid metabolism in animals and have been used illegally in meat production.

The International Olympic Committee medical commission seemed to support the action taken by issuing an

Pyjama names

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ambiguous and scientifically illogical document entitled "Status of Clenbuterol" at about 11.45pm on July 31. British and German lawyers are of the opinion that, even if

the contents represent a decision, it applies to the time and date it was made and retrospectivity is not involved. However, IAAF officials have stated that Beta-2-agonists have always been included under the class of anabolic steroids as related compounds and the Sports Council has interpreted that

Clenbuterol was included under the class from its first day of marketing. Surprisingly, it means that the drugs were banned in sport many years before their action in muscle mass in animals had been discovered. The Sports Council an-

nounced only on August 4 that Clenbuterol would be controlled as part of out-ofcompetition testing. This action was taken against the weightlifters before the drug and the officials invented their own banned class: stimulant/ anabolic agents.

In this chaotic situation, doctors may be accused of doping sportspeople by using Ventolin, etc., sportspeople may be banned for four years (IAAF) or life for using these drugs when not in compet-Anything which is not

banned at a particular point in time, such as herbal remedies, vitamin supplements, products classified as medicines, training at high altitude, etc., is allowable, irrespective of the intent and the lack of wisdom of that use, and the frustration it may produce in some sports officials. Sportspeople are cheats only when they break clearly defined rules.

Yours etc., ARNOLD H. BECKETT, c/o Sheraton Winnipeg Hotel. 161 Donald Street, Winnipeg. Mamitoba. Canada.

Billy Wright punched a cer-

tain Chelsea goal over the bar, the referee awarded a corner,

until put right by the

happen today, before such a

large and largely unsuper-

vised crowd, the consequences

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Wambsganss, playing at shortstop, caught the ball on

He then stepped on second

base to put out the runner,

who is required to stay on base

until the ball is caught, and

finally he tagged the first-base

runner, who had run over to

second and was standing agog

at Wambseanss's feat.

BRIAN KINSELLA.

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Yours sincerely,

the full, retiring the batter.

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Yours sincerely,

JOHN ROOT.

St James Vicarage,

34 Stanley Avenue.

Alperton, Middlesex.

Were such a mistake to

From Mr A. D. Springhall From the Reverend John Root Sir. Following the introduction of the colourful pyjamas and matching funny hats for the Sunday league (report, October 23), it would seem timely to christen the county cricket teams, baseball style,

with appropriately descriptive Might I open the bowling with the Lancashire Red

A. D. SPRINGHALL,

From Mr George Edwards Sir, Have Kipling's "Flann-elled Fools" now become "Pyjama'd Peacocks"?

Yours faithfully

Rotherfield.

East Sussex.

The Lane House,

Yours faithfully. GEORGE F. EDWARDS, 80 Green Lane, Millbrook. Southampton, Hampshire.

Changed times

Sir, Like John Major (Week-end section, October 17), I was among the 75,000 at Stam-ford Bridge in April 1955 to see Chelsea beat Wolves 1-0. I remember two features of

the match particularly. First, because the crowd was so great, many of us were allowed over the perimeter wall to sit on the grass immediately behind the goal. Second, when

Crowning triple

From Mr Brian Kinsella Sir. Keith Blackmore's report on game three of baseball's World Series (October 22) explained that the Toronto Blue Jays almost pulled off the first triple play in a World Series since Bill Wambsganss achieved one in 1920.

For the benefit of those not steeped in baseball history, Wambsganss's remarkable feat deserves elucidation. With runners on first and

Harlequins lack heart

From Mr L. D. Kennedy Sir. On Saturday London Irish have the honour of supplying five players to the Irish rugby union squad se-lected to play Australia. On the same day they are expected to play Harlequins in the first division of the Courage Chubs Championship.

Moreover, another of London Irish's international players is injured, and it is possible a further player could receive a late call to the Irish

The organisers of the competition and Harlequins have been approached for a post-ponement, but to no avail. Harlequins state that they have no iree date available for the rest of the season, even though they are due to play London Irish in a friendly game on January 30, which is one possible alternative date. It is difficult to believe that

with six months of the season remaining the match cannot be played on a different date. If, however, the players had been chosen to represent Eng-land, there would be no problem in having the match postponed.

Because there are 13 clubs in the Courage championship, in each round of matches one of them is without a league game. Could not the fixture computer have been programmed so that London Irish were without a game this Saturday?

It has been said that Harlequins is a club without soul. It now also appears that it is a club without heart and the organisers of the Courage championship are without

What is the alternative? Refer the matter to the Race Relations Board? Perish the thought I am, yours faithfully, L. D. KENNEDY,

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Looking ahead: Todd with Conde d'Serafim, one of the promising horses he hopes will keep him out in front

Todd pulls out of show jumping

By Jenny MacArthur

AT THE end of the worst year of his career, Mark Todd has decided to concentrate again on what he does best eventing. His attempt to combine it with show jumping — which coincided with an extraordinary run of bad luck has left him physically and mentally exhausted.

"It was too much," Todd said. "The whole thing had become a rush and a hassle. It was not enjoyable any more."
The news this week that his sponsor, Kimberly-Clark, is not renewing his contract, deepened the gloom.

Event riders, like most top sportsmen, are used to bouts of bad luck. Virginia Leng has had three years of it. Lucinda Green has spent nearly twice that time trying to fight her way back. Mark Phillips gave up while in the middle of his

Todd, 36, is not used to it. Since 1980 when, as an unknown dairy farmer from New Zealand, he won Badminton on Southern Comfort at his first attempt, he had an

unparalleled run of success. The 12 years have included two successive Olympic individual gold medals with Charisma, an Olympic team bronze, a world championship team gold and 19 other three-

Todd makes riding across country sound as simple as it looks when he is in the saddle. The key to it all is the ability to maintain a rhythm throughout — then it's just a matter of putting the horse in the right spot to jump and leaving it up to him."

His last win was at Burghley in September 1991 on Welton Greylag. In the 13 months since, Todd has lost three of his best horses, all through freak accidents. His friend and first sponsor, Bill Hall, the owner of Charisma and his Olympic show jumper, Double Take, died six

weeks before the Games. Barcelona, where Todd was competing in both the show jumping and eventing, provided no let-up. His attempt to become the first rider to win a third successive individial gold medal ended

abruptly when Welton Grey-Ironically, those sponsors lag injured himself on the steeplechase and had to be retired.

It takes an unusually gifted horseman to combine the two disciplines. Mark Phillips had a brief flirtation with show jumping in the Seventies.

"When you're competing against people who show jump all the time, you can't expect to pop in every now and again and hope to clean up," Todd said. But he came

At Hickstead, in May 1991, he and Double Take were runners-up - by a fraction of a second - to John Whitaker and Henderson Milton in the richest grand prix in Britain. Todd won around £12,000. In October that year they won the Volvo World Cup qualifier in Helsinki.

Juggling the two sports, though, became impossible. "I was always away so the horses at home were not being worked by me," he said. "I always knew that Double Take would have to be sold. My sponsors were also keeper for me to stay in eventing."

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are now pulling out. The sponsorship had enabled him to move to his present luxurious yard on

shire estate on the edge of Watership Down. But the 20 horses and seven girl grooms cost around £120,000 a year "Obviously we'll have to drastically cut back." Todd said. He hopes to be able to

Andrew Lloyd-Webber's Berk-

stay in England — with his wife, Carolyn, and four-yearold daughter, Lauren - until the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Badminton remains his

inspiration. "It's just special. There's nothing else like it." Remarkably, a second win has cluded him, although he was runner-up twice on Charisma, in 1984 and 1985. "I think if I succeeded in winning it again I'd give up on the spot."

He plans to return home with his family to Cambridge on North Island for two months. After that, hopefully, he will be back for Badminton and beyond - but as an eventer only.

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Claim II (Div 2): A A Baker, S L Clark; T

A Davies, J A Baton; J A Bvinson; G D

Finlay, C M Jenkins; P J Klernan; J A

Nuttall: G Pakenham; M J Thornley; R

Valer; M H Walsh

Claim III: C Dobson Class III: C Dobson **Multidisciplinary** Awards

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Class I: C S Sopwith

Class II (Div): M R Arminson; M J
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Costes; K M Gazer, A E Hvidsten; R D
Karanouh; C Koulle; S Lawer; J Lenng;
E K Long; E M Manby; H A Ogle; P J
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K Smith; A J Swallow; C G Thomas; E V
Thomson; M O Tosun; D J Warren; T A
Wilhelmsen

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Class II (DN 1): V S Bodil; B Chang Ching Ciling; J A Mitchell; R J Spuring Class II (DN 2): C N Bertram: J L Coleman; M L Cutler; M H Fox; J P Gallagher; N S Kingsbury; S J Presson; D T Shoosmith.

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Park: M R Parnianzadeh; J M Phillips; H K Surgess Class II (Div 2): F M Chapman; S M Clark: G Daemi-Rashidi; R Ettinger: S L Jordan; D N Khakhria; A McInnes: L McShea; L Neal; C S Rawlings; E S Smith; A Thomson; H T Wong Literature and Philosophy

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Beckler, S Beisham; S Bircht C Birney; J
Blackburn; S Bulke S Blundell; G
Boreham; R Boulogne: A Bousfield; A
Bowers; J Bownas; S Brown; T
Brooker, S Brownes; S Bowrey; T
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Cummings; N Dack: J Davenport; D
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Dervan; O Dewey; C Dixon-Spain; T
Dixon-Spain; C Dockworth; J
Dourant; J Durrant; J Lichtensterr; A Liddon; E
Lightion; R Horlin; B Hall; P Honard; J Leavis; R
Liberman; J Lichtensterr; A Liddon; E
Lightion; R Mortis; S Montey; L Murphy;
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Graham: B Green; M Greene; T Greenbolt S Gwyther; J Hale; P Halt: C Hambridge; B Harris; S Harris; S Harris; A Hewlett; J Hopkins; B Healy; S Henry; A Hewlett; J Hopkins; A Hossain; M Houthins; M Ince; C Isaac, A Liren; C James, D Jenkins; L Jones; G Kay; O Kostiw; R Kotzen; D Lendberge; G Lenv: G Kotzen; D Lendbetter: G Leary; Lennon; H Leyton; H Lofters; London; C Lucas; S Martin; G Matos; London: C Lucas; S Martin; G Manos; D Mawer, S Mccarthy; W McCurry; J Merry; D Mills; C Michell; G Moffait]; Moult; C Mower, J O'Brien; A C'Connor. T O'Hare M Oshindele, N Pabari; R Palel: D Phillipp: S Portch: J Power, L Power, A Price; D Price; D Ralph; J Redgrove; A Rees; M Rodgers; K Rosenvinge; J Ross; H Salimi; A Samalar; M Shenton: R Simons; J Stun; J Smallwood; P Souris; A Stonehouse; L Tapper; J Thurlow; S Totten; E Tovil: M Treasure: C Tsangarides; S Walsh; I Weekly, D Wells; M West: M Weyland; S Wright; T Wright; K Wyart
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Music

Music Class II (Div I): N J Friedman; D W Jefferies: E J Nonco

Performance Arts Class I: B B Cerhan; H L Seebohm
Class II (Div 1): R T Bacton; H J Barton;
E M Bryer, M J Buttling: T M Cannon;
D L Comiey: C P Copland; J J Crook; J S
Davis: S J Doran; D G Fenton; J C
Geancy: N Gosney: L J Graney: T J
Ingram: A F Jackson: A M Jones; A
Kambona: D J King Lassman; D J
Kuperberg: E M Lewis: M S Millidge: S
R Moyle: D J O'Reffe? P G Parker, J L
Princhard: T A Reeve: S E Ring: G C
Sansom: S J Sharp: J T Stot: S C
Swanton; R Thew, A R Thomas; J L
Thompson: O C Wright
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Blakeley: H F Caims; A L Curtis; M R
Dilulio: R Pinley: H C Figher: R E
Hancock: R J Hill: D P Housiator: S J
Howard: J E Jarvis; D J Johnson: S D
Knot: K J Lilly: S G Mullarkey: R C
Passey: S E Peterser: M E Pizzey: J E
Rowden: L K Sanderson: M Temme: M
Viegas: T D Wader, R P Whelldon: S L
Willis: M M Young
Class III: E Price

Philosophy Class II (Div 1): D V Macey; T C Wilson Printed Textiles Class & N A Otway; A L Phillips Class II (Div I): W A Bosvell; E L
Jefftyes; S M Lynch; S J Perry
Class II (Div 2): N Bradler; S J Codling:
CP De Wolf; Z E Everett; C J Galvin; K L
Harris; C A Jubb: H Kyriacou; K
Miyama; J Salmon; C Thelifarth; S
Williams

Social Policy with Social Science

Class II (Div I k G L Baker: A R Lindsay: C D Moore; R A Moore; T M Sawtell; B I

Class I: K A Caldwell

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Class II (Div 1): N B Abbout; H Agostimi; C E Barchasti; S W Batte; R D Berrsford; S C Bonici; D E Barlthwaine; S C Brown; C G Burford; D Clarke: M G Crowley: M J Dabbs: G Fitzgeraid; S A Gibbons Delliston: K S Graham; M C Guida; A C Hammonod; L J Hansing: V E Haynes; C Hennessy: H Elizaman; S K Jandin; K M Jennings: S Lower H M Igons: B A Mcdonagh; M A Milion; R Mummery; L J Parker; J S Phillips; A S Ramnaway; F E Remny; J C Russ; T J Sanconary; D A Shaip: J L Smith: S Stewart; S J Tinisty; J W Wan; A K Waring; T A Wans; S T Whyte; K B Yousai Class I: J P Flatley; C M Morris: T A

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Pass: K A Butler: W E Lawson: A E
Walters; D E White Studies in Contemporary Writing Class I: C A Moreton
Class II (Div I): A D Blackburn; G
Bryan; J Roberts; J M Stampfil; S J
Tipton; M G Watson; D L Willis

Class II (Dlv 2): D J Arnold: S J Date, L A Donoghue: M M Gage: A F Lynch: P J Nugent: A J Roach: M G Whorlskey Pass: I M Dwyer Textiles/Fashion Class I: P J Clark-Coates, K M Hall; W C Ho: A J Myners
Class II (Div 1): J A Borevyle: E
Evangelou: K L Loughborough: H L
Middledirch: C E Milewska; G C
Takahashi Taganasin Class II (Obv 2): C A Babbs; S J Child; R E Lilley; G R Parker: M Stephen; N E Torman; S Wasserberg

Three Dimensional Design Three-Dimensional Design
Class I: AJ Leighton; A Mortuchi
Class II (Div I): H E Aldous: S R
Chesters Thompson; C F Cohen; S
Cook: G C Davies: S J Dore; A M
Feniello; J Hart; R M Langhorn; B A
McArdle: H Mortias; R Peterkin: H C
Poletti; JS Rothenberg: R Sier
Class II (Div 2): A J Boyle; A J
Broughton; B Dickinson: K A Fletcher;
R J Hanks; A M Marshall; P N
Montague: K Mordin; A L Musty: CJ
Parker; M D Peace: CJ Pearce-Higgins;
S C Rodgers; G Tacticos: S.S Wai; R
Willis Class III: D C Folkes: L T Hall; K

Lennard Pass: J L Bird BEd (Hous)

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Coombs: P Greatrer: T D Hull: J A Lush
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G P Bamber: M C Bastlans: J C Brown:
M Childs: S D Chin: B A Coupland: X E
Cox; C F Crewdson: L P Daly: M J
Davies: L M Delapenha-Low Ten Que:
G M Dill'gr, M J Donown: I P Orster: L
S Foster: R Grimes; M E Haighton: J M
Harding: A S Hince: W A Howsen: K A
Jarman: J M Kinchin: S Macdonald: J
A McKeer: C E Montimer: C M Murphy:
J Myers: C A O'Shea: O A Plumley: B A
Pooley: N M Price: R Quirt; I H
Reynolds: K L Sanger; M T Skillett; E C
Steward: C R Sutherland: A J Syred: S J
Tadd: L Taverner: B Thorpe: P Tivey: E
Vaughan: C M Westmore: J S Wheeler:
N J Williams: C J Wright
Class II (Div 2): L J Beeston: S J Bylond:
V L Cameron: J L Catton: S Y Gormbs: P
J Harland: J Henry: P L Hnat: Y E
Huckstep: C R Hurchinson: J G
Hurchinson: C R Lother: S T Miles; J K
Mouscos: L M Ogden: H J Parrish: S
Ramdeen: A Russell; N S Sanders: D A
Shackman: D A Stewart: M J Watson: P
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BEd: I M Budd; S Panerson; S J Read

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Maleknejad; A Michaelides; J Navarro Anchel; B P O'Callaghan; R A Ollis; S S Partwar, K Patel; P Patel: N Pindolia; R

Civil Engineering Class I: M J Murphy
Class II (Div I): I R Hubble; S S Lau: J
D O'Sullivan: S Thevaremann
Class II (Div 2): R D Chhaya; S
Chimonas; T M Kok
Pass: R Othman Electronic Engineering Class 1: A J Dyne; C Orphanes: J Raymond: S J Rossels: J E Thompson Class II (Div 1): R Akbari Dilmaghani; Lass II (UFF 1): R Akbari Dilmaghani: F Akinlawon: M Anderson: A S Chumber: H S Fonsela; H K Gami: B M Gordon:) M Lake-Thomas: B J Manji; B Navarro: P Shah; W S Tang Class B (Div 2): M Appjah-Rubi; M Awosika: R H Burgess; B S Depala: S S Dhillon: A Diamantopoulos: C Homer, T Jombart: P A Judd; J Karas; B Maleknejad; A Michaellies: J Navarro Anchal B B Occiliants

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Electronic Engineering Design & Production Class I: K M Dean: I G Russell

Manufacturing Engineering & Management Class I: 5 N Bradbury: L Liasi Class II (Div 1): J G Commons: R S Mcgregor: D J Morrissey: N Tamber: S A Whent Class 11 (Dlv 2): P Chema

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Class II (Div 1): L Austin; A Chimorides; J L Connor; S J Daniels; A F Dervish: E S Dwyer; H W Ping; M Harbord; I C Hickey; A M Jennings; M Rafetzpoulos C Kelly; A M Leviez; M Michaelides; E Miquel; M F Naughton; G Nayar; D T Ngow; J A Otong; K D Perrin; D L Prudinomme; R Scott; M M Strohm; L S Tan; W Taylor-Brown; A D Thauszozan

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Class I: J M Dedman: C J Finch

Class D (Div I): C B Abboit; M Curran; M A Martin; N J Robertshaw; S M Construction Engineering & Management Class II (Div 2): D S Khan; S K Fennamics Class I: R C Patel Class II (Div 1): M Stone: C V Strong: N Thakker Class II (Div 2): A Abu Bakar: J Abu Bakar: R Mohd Zain: S Y Nassim: M F Nordin

Electronic Engineering & Management Class II (Div I): T K Agadzi; C Litchfield; M S Scort; D J Standage; T J Litchheld; M S Scott: D J Standage: T J Walsh Class II (Div 2): A Bharmal: I A Choudry: S H Daial; A J Delaney: C Devoll: G J Fernandes: N Islam: D Randhawa: I O Sa; S J Whatley Class III: R A Glizeane; W A Khan; M Panaei

Environmental Science & Technology Class II (Div 1): R M Donaghy: J R Fudge: I Garcia: M D Masia: M A O'Halloran: R J Shearman; S J Willett Cias II (Div 2): P J Adams; A J Bush; B J Flynn; C W Roberts; G Tormo; C S Pass: R J Smith

Geography Class 1: C J Stevens
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Class 11 (Div 1): M L Berry: A
Cadwallader: N J Fairfield: J E Head: J
P Hollande: S F Lambert: D J Lee: J P
Rewe: J Smith: A K Wood: K A Wood
Class II (Div 2): H L Beaugeard: N J
Dodd: N J Hockey: G J Jarretr: J P
Moulding: A M Trower

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Hotel & Catering Administration Pass with Distinction: F Durr; V Frost, A S Mecormack: K E Pemberson;) White White
Pass: D S Chester, A J Crane: R A
Curley, L S Davies, B Edwards: S J
Estall: J L Fuller, C Gernigon: A C
Oraham-Martin: P D Hutchison: A
Jackson: S R Johnstone: P J Raye: C S

R Parsons; B Pathalc S A Piechocki; D G Pinches: K U Ratmann; R G Stevens; M Stokes: L Tstroyannis-Aldegheri: J F Valancor; L M Vella, S C

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Mathematics for Business Class I: S M Cadwallader, H K Mistry; Class I: S M Cadwallader; H K Mistry; M Nalim: K Stirling Class II (Div I): A S Adamson; M Afzal: P A Barrone: D H Boxali; P D Dooley; P B Ferguson: M K Forbes; J M Kamen: C J Kelland; H Madan: I Manifold; S M Mapars: S Mitchell: R Ruparell; K S Shah; W Sharma: S J Sullivan: C Hodandraum: I I Wahh Underdown: J L Webb

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Class I: R Barn; L Blake: L Dart; P
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Hernmens; A Howard: N Islam: R
Lau; R Lesile: A Maslakiewicz: S
Murphy; L Nunn; J Ogidi: A Pirani: C
Pumford; W Purdy; J Sawyer; P Shaw: J
Wright
Class II Division A model. Pumford; W Purdy; J Sawyer, P Shaw; J Wright
Class II (Div I J: B Amadi; T Ashley; H
Barget: D Boodhun: C Borras; H
Burgon; L Cabarbai; A Cambridge; N
Davison; A Dudley; S Ellingsen: N
Feest; A Finn: R Furber; S Galste; J
Gallery; M Ghane; D Gorry; S Hall; J
Hanna; C Harrington; R Hirst: A
Jaffer: M Karpel; S Kempster: D
Kennard; R Leader; K Macrae: J Mailde:
S Mann; A Martin; H Milne: S Moody;
S Morris; S Palmer; C Parsons; J Patel;
A Palsalides; P Panterson; T Parterson:
D Pearce; J Philipp: R Quick; J
Rackham; N Rahim; J Rodgers; H
Russeli; D Scurr; I Sinlahia-Leinaka; A
Silver; R Soans; B Solanki; A Sparkes; A
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Sirange; B Siruckey; I Taggar; C
Thomas; C Toombs; P Treen: E
Vaughan; M White; J Whitmore, M
Whittaker; W Wong; C Yip; S Yip
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Davies; V Deer: V Eidridge: J Graves: J
Green: B Hawkins; R Henry; A
Hindmarch; J Jeffery; A Mason; C
Meginnis: M Mcleod: J Mish: S
Norion; A Peake; R Ridley; C Riley; J
Robinson; A Robson: D Sievenson; J
Tembleti-Wood; A Towndrow; J Van
Werkhoven; P Vera; E Waiker: K
Waishaw; L Yare

Waishaw; L Yare Class III: S Collins Pass: A K Durtant: P Lee: A T Sidle Product Engineering

& Management Class I: C C Gray
Class II (Div I): N K Marston: J P
Morgan: R A Sugden
Class II (Div 2): G C Toon

Psychology Class I: B M Brooks: L M Greville: A J Class I: B M Brooks: L M Greville: A J Walton
Class II (Div 1): M J Anderson: T J Aikinson: C H Barker: S Bowen: N Brunswick: R Clarke; S Cook. L Crampton: H D Earnshaw: Y Ganchi: E M Hartney: M P Johnson: T Korup: M Larranaga Gascon: D M Lawson: V C Lee: J Lewis: H J Lomax: J Mann: M R Mcbride: S J Nell: A J Nicholis; K Pope: J Preston: L Barnaswamy: K Readman: S Rooke-Ley: M I Roster: M L South: A V Tatham: M A Wallace-Bell: F V Went: J C Wood

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Bevan: J C Boothby: S Brown: R
Doherty: I Echevarria: S V Gersy: L
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K Hursthouse: P J Johnson: P G Josiin: P Lewis: C P Maskell; G Mcgarry: 1 Rochester: I B Rose: A Siddiqui; J Trill

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DANIE Serfontein, the president of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), does not relish the task of tracking down the players and officials who break the rules of amateurism, "But I will do it to clean out these people from the game," he says. "Those doing this are not nice people at all."

Steve Brain, the former Eng-Times last week how players were targeted by rival clubs and made offers of jobs and/or cash (of £5,000 or more) to join them. Brain said that evidence would never be found to indict the law-

That assertion is rejected by Serfontein. "It is my belief that someone will eventually talk," he "We think we have two

Brain claims payments are widespread in high

effective weapons in halting this. The new changes in the eligibility laws will be closely monitored at the end of this season. A total of 324 players changed clubs last season in the top three divisions and we are watching that figure

"It is a lot of movement. We accept you will not stamp out entirely this practice but I believe we can reduce it by 70 or 80 per cent. The current 120-day period of qualification makes it more difficult for a player moving on. And we will soon know if this trend is continuing through the

numbers changing clubs. This is where we can catch them."

Without documentary proof? 'No, but by extending the period of qualification if it continues. I favour pushing the qualification period to where it becomes almost might push some players out of the game by doing so but that is preferable to money being paid. A 12 or 18-month qualification per-iod if you move clubs would get rid of this to a large extent."

Serfontein, born in the Orange Free State 59 years ago, arrived in Britain in 1952 to study dentistry

years, he returned to South Africa, but came back to Britain in 1964. for post-graduate work, instead, he took a job in a dental practice in Newcastle and has remained there ever since. As a player, he cap-tained English Universities and

Northumberland and represented the North of England.

A section of rugby seeks to blame Twickenham for the trade in players, they say it was the RFU that introduced the commercial ism to the game. Serfontein raises

a strong objection to that It was the clubs that pushed for players are simply pawns in their game. "I totally blame the administrators at certain clubs. They do boys, it is for their egos. You see them, they stomp around. They want to be important people.

"I don't blame the players: these guys have wives and families. I believe they are ashamed because they know they are breaking the rules. They look in your eye and say what an awful thing it would

be to do, yet they are doing it." The players Seriomein does criticise are those who kept silent until retirement. Players like Burton and Sole, who have not got the guts to speak during their lifetime on the field but then start quoting instances in their books and making money afterwards by talk-

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European Tour season ends at Valderamma

Montgomerie still campaigning for that elusive victory

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORREPONDENT, IN SOTOGRANDE

earned £316,382 in Europe the Volvo Masters, which begins at Valderrama here today, feeling more like a pauper because of his failure to record a victory in 1992. despite leading in several tournaments and finishing third in the US Open at Pebble

His ability to handle pressure when ahead is under review following setbacks such as that in the European Masters, when he was six shots clear with 20 holes to play. Montgomerie has also fin-

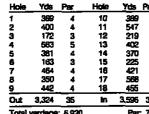
ished a finger-touch away in the Cannes Open, Italian Open, Bell's Scottish Open and Madrid Open and is, perhaps, entitled to feel that good fortune, an essential ingredient for success, has been lacking. But he draws comfort from the exploits of Nick Faldo even if he cannot hide his disappointment.

"Nick has shown that the more you are in the firing line then the more you are going to be seen to fail." Montgomerie said. "The way Nick has played this season he should have won eight, nine, ten, maybe even 12 times, but he hasn't because it's impossible to do so. His losses have been well monitored, as mine have, but the fact is when you are thirtieth and finish 5-5-6 then

nobody takes any notice. "I feel I've had an excellent year, I've played well but I haven't had the breaks. I hope I've learned from my experiences, my losing experiences, but I admit I do need a win,

Montgomerie has won only twice as a professional, and he not to have triumphed this assured of being top of the money list and he will take his official earnings to a record £811,094 if he brings the curtain down on the 1992 PGA European Tour by winning again. He is 201 under par for the year, and by teeing off today he becomes only the

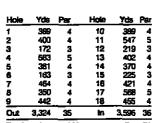
Faldo, of course, long ago dismissed money as a goal. He Olympics appeals to him because there is a gold medal to be won. "But Augusta in August - now that would be steamy." Faldo said. "They would have to dig the course up after the Masters and plant



is the only player in the top 12 of the Volvo Order of Merit season. In contrast, Faldo has won five times this season, and 31 times in all. He is already

than £3 million in Europe.

summer grass. But I, like



anyone, would love to win gold."

Valderrama is regarded as Europe's Augusta and it is where many, Faldo included, believe the Ryder Cup should be played in 1997. "It's our best Tour stop," he said. The course, superbly manicured as There are only ten to 15 here who can win. Most weeks the number would be over 30." José Maria Olazábal said.

Montgomerie knows that a win could propel him past Bernhard Langer, Anders Forsbrand, Barry Lane and Olazabal to finish runner-up to Faldo in the order of merit. comment from David Feherty, who overtook him to win the Madrid Open last Sunday. Feherty claimed: "Every time you see him, he's got a face like a warrhog that has just been stung by a wasp." Montgom-erie said: "Yes. it hurts. You try to ignore it, but it does affect you in a way." He insists his concentration will be unaffected and likes a course he describes as "challenging and

Ian Woosnam's view is that the greens, undulating and exceptionally fast, would provide the Americans with an advantage in the Ryder Cup. The Welshman has struggled with his putter in recent months. "I must have led at some stage in 75 per cent of the events I've played and I've won only once," he said. "I'm disappointed, but the season



RUGBY UNION: WELSH FIVE-YEAR UNBEATEN RUN ENDS IN DUBLIN

Australians turn to versatile Crowley

SELECTION of the Austra-lian team to play Ireland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday proved easy enough as the tour party drove from Galway to Dublin yesterday: the only issue was the replacement at loose-head prop for the injured Tony Daly, and with Dan Crowley having taken everything in his stride thus far, that was not much of an issue (David Hands writes).

Crowley, 27, a detective from Brisbane, came to fame against the 1989 British Isles but did not win his fourth cap until last year when he played against Western Samoa during the World Cup. However the stocky prop's previous internationals have been at tight-head; now, since both selected loose-heads, Daly and Cameron Lillicrap, have gone home injured, he moves

"Once we knew we had a problem we played Crowley on the loose-head in a full game against Connacht and twice when he came on as a replacement," John Breen, the team manager, said. In fact, Matt Ryan, who joined the

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last week, is a specialist loosehead but his game in Galway on Wednesday was his first since playing against Eastern Province in South Africa in

August Neither Crowley nor Lillicrap was available for that The other change since Australia's 26-3 defeat of South Africa, of course, is the departure of Nick Farr-Jones as scrum half and captain (though he is expected in mentator). Michael Lynagh plays his sixueth international as captain and Peter Slattery, so long the groom's man but for his seventh cap in what he hopes will be a long, if somewhat delayed, international career.

Anthony Herbert, the centre who suffered breaks to minor bones in his back against Connacht will return to Australia on Sunday, the third player to do so in an unprece dented run of misfortune for the touring side. He will take six weeks to recover from the

AUSTRALIA: M. C. Roebuck (NSW); D. I. Campese (NSW), J. S. Luttle (Queensland), T. J. Horan (Queensland), P. V. Caruzza (Queensland); M. P. Lynagh (Queensland); D. J. Crowley (Queensland), D. N. Kearns (NSW), E. J. A. McKenzie (KSW), V. Olizhengaue (NSW), R. J. McKenzie (NSW), D. Smith (Queensland), D. V. Nucliona (Queensland), M. Ryen (Queensland), T. Coker (Queensland)

☐ Richard Loe, the All Black who was suspended for nine months for eye-gouging Greg Cooper, the Otago full back. earlier this month, has had his appeal against the ban de-layed to give him time to

McGowan's display raises Irish hopes

Ireland Under-21 22 Wates Under-21 11

> FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

IRELAND may have been casting around for a stand-off half at senior level for the last two years but the manner in which Alan McGowan presided over the defeat of Wales in the under-21 international at Donnybrook yesterday sug-gested they have been quietly nurturing one for the future. McGowan, a student at University College Dublin, is a composed youngster who plays alongside Brendan Mullin, the former British Isles centre, at Blackrock College. He has also played for Leinster — one of five players in the Irish side with senior provincial experience against the Australians, no less, and yesterday he helped to pull Ireland back from an 11-0 deficit.

His was one of three Irish tries on a cold, blustery afternoon that saw Wales subside to their first defeat at this level for five years and 13 matches. Ireland scored two goals, a try and a penalty goal to a try and

Ireland's selectors would also have been pleased with the form of Longwell in the pack: the 6ft 6in second row scored the final try and had a hand in the second, supporting a break by Wilson that took everyone, the No. 8 included, by surprise. Wilson spun off a maul and found himself in splendid isolation, making 30 metres before Longwell added his consider-

scored from the final ruck.
Wales, who lost Harries.

their scrum half, after eight minutes, dominated the early lineouts and took decisive advantage when Ireland lost possession in midfield, Evans established the ruck and Harries sent Reynolds sprinting down a big blind side for the try. With Williams adding two nalties the way seemed open for the Welsh to build on last season's inaugural victory over

Ireland in Newport. But Ireland closed down their space and, under pres-sure. Welsh basic skills wilted. They conceded a pushover try to Wilson and after three early misses, McGowan's penalty decreased the Welsh advan-

tage to one point.

Both sides failed to control

frenetic passage of play until McGowan's try gave his side the lead and Longwell crowned the final period of intense pressure on the Welsh SCORERS: Ireland Under-21: Tries: Wil-son, McGowan, Longwell Conversions: McGowan (2) Penalty: McGowan, Wales Under-21: Try: Reynolds. Penalties: Wil-ferent (2)

Under-21: Try: Reynolds. Penalties: Wilsens (2)
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WALES UNDER-21: D Weatherly (Swon-sea): J Reynolde (Neath), M Winds (Laneth), J Rednup (Newport), C Young (Laneth), J Wilsons (Aboraley), H Hantes (Cardiff: rep. W Marris, Abstavon); Fitye Jones (Laneth), J Evenna (Bryntocch cap-tant), S Price (Usritenter), G Jones (Laneth), L Harvey (Massing), G Taylor (Newtrolge rep. Rhort Jones Usreel), I Castaghen (Dunant; rep. R Appleyard, Swennesh, P Jones (Neeth). Referrer: C Henderson (Scotland).

Abrahams caught in South Africa crossfire

FROM CHRIS THAU

THE assistant manager of the South African rugby team in France, Jacky Abrahams, a Coloured civil servant from Cape Province, and the unofficial press spokesman, is trapped in a predicament. The controversy generated by the National Olympic Sports Committee's (NOSC) criticism of his organisation has also deeply affected him.

"I must make it very, very clear that I support both the ANC [African National Congress] and the NOSC. I am one of the oppressed people of South Africa and I am a member of NOSC. I understand clearly what the mess-age of NOSC is. What they are to play for South Africa.

see progress on the development front before we embark on other international tours. In other words, rugby in South African townships must

Abrahams, who is a selector. said: "To a certain extent this is my personal predicament. I have no doubts about the sincerity of SARFU [South Africa Rugby Football Union] as the united body of South African rugby.

"We put aside over six million rand [about £1.3 million] for development. I believe we are genuine in our attempt to rectify the imbalance so that every player, irrespective of colour, race or creed, will get an opportunity

"The development within SARFU is overseen by two black officials, former ANC executives Sas Bailey and Ngconde Balfour. It will take some time before our policy

will bring any results. "It is true we couldn't find non-white players able to play at this level. That doesn't necessarily mean that they don't exist. It is just that we don't have a system in place to identify them. Personally, I would have

liked to have black players accompanying the team. But there was a feeling in South Africa that this would be perceived as a window-dressing exercise and perhaps they were right

"I have to say that this is not the team of white South

Africa, although all players are white. It is the first time a team has ever represented the whole of South African rugby." ☐ Paris: Serge Blanco.

France's most-capped player, will lead the French Barbarians against the South Africans, in Lille on Saturday, in the final match of his career and the last match of their tour. Among the French internationals are the lock, Abdleatif Benazzi, and the hooker, Philippe Saint-Andre. Robert Jones, the Weish scrum-half, is the only foreigner included. (AFP)

FRENCH BARBARBANS: S Bisneo (certam): P Lagisquet, P Sella, D Charvet, Sant-Andre; D Cambonsboro, R Jones, Lascuica, M Cai Maso, P Ondarts, Benazz, J Condom, L Loppy, E Charny, Rodroguez, Replacements: P Bend, J-Lescarboura, G Accocaberry, E Melville, I Ettan, P Memoco.

SPORTS POLITICS

Warning that tax demands could harm Olympic bid

By DAVID MILLER

ROBERT Watson, the outgo-ing honorary treasurer of the (BOA), yesterday accused the government of double stan-dards. While it has promised the Manchester Olympic bid-ding committee more than £50 million, the BOA face a tax demand of £839,000 on its fund-raising for Olympic

There should be govern-ment legislation to protect the symbol of the Olympic rings," Watson said. "Otherwise the tax system will affect not only

During Watson's 12 years in office, the BOA's reserve assets have risen from zero to E3.5 million and his removal yesterday was not without

After a predicted clean sweep, the BOA is now led by a group of honorary officials who have the youth, know-ledge and financial experience, together with a dedicated professional staff led by Dick Palmer, the meral secretary, to make the BOA the most prominent voice in British spoits the way

Besides the unopposed Craig Reedie succeeding the retiring chairman, Sir Arthur general practitioner from Broadway, and a former Olympic luge competitor, took two thirds of the votes to become vice-chairman at the age of 37. Paul Pruszynski, a management consultant from Croydon, representing bobsleigh, defeated Watson

by a similar margin.

Together with those such as Kevin Hickey, Dr Roy Axon and Scott Naden, the respective technical directors, chief medical officer and competitors employment officer, they will shape more than any administrative body the over-all image of British sport in the coming years. Nothing could have more

demonstrated the need for change than the closing moments of vesterday's annual general meeting. Gold, an oldtime amateur whose reputation in the campaign against drugs is renowned, chose this moment to cast doubt yet

modern Olympics. He questioned whether the International Olympic Committee (IOC), under the lead-ership of Juan-Antonio Samaranch, was going down the wrong path. By tailoring the Games for television he was reaching the wrong audience, creating entertainment

rather than sport. Sir Arthur reluctant financially to support a British team when the games were seen to be "for wealthy, greedy competitors.

rugs." Gold contended: "It is our (BOA) duty to see that the Olympic ethos survives." His and genuinely strike at the emotions of traditional British attitudes to sport Yet the way they were expressed could only serve to distance British administration still further from the mainstream of the Olympic movement. and were at marked variance

from his own staff. "A superb Games that demonstrated the strength of the Olympic movement, a won-derful platform on which to were described by Palmer.

with the reports just heard

team of more than 40 said they had been "one of the best there has ever been in facilities and organisation!"
The Olympics, like any

event, must evolve. The only way that Britain can influence change for the better — as evidenced from the msuccessful peripheral opposition to the IOC by the Princess Royal the BOA's president is from within the inner circle. not from the fringe. Britain has too long been on the

fringe.
"It seems there is a difference of opinion," Reedie tact-fully stated. "between generating money to produce and support athletes, and questioning where too much money is leading the Olympics. I consider we ... should more often be listening to the rest of the world. Nobody could have come away from Barcelona without a feeling of

UCL lacking ideas and have to settle for draw

UCL...

By Sydney Priskin ESSEX University hit back

twice from penalty strokes to share the spoils with University College London in the UAU championship match at Colchester yesterday. Although the Essex attacks were more sustained, University College, despite their lessfrequent excursions, had more

style and panache. Three of their players, Monro, Goffinet and Johnson, were from the senior London University David Wright gave UCL the lead in the tenth minute with a

sharp, angled shot from a pass by Johnson. Essex retaliated by forcing two short corners that proved abortive and Sims fired a shot wide of the far In the fifteenth minute UCL

lost Goffinet, who was suspended for dissent and kept off the field for the remainder of the first half.

further trouble earlier in the

second half but for two splen-

Essex could have been in

did saves by their goalkeeper. Hodkinson, from Sutton and

. .

After pushing up their work rate Essex were eventually awarded a penalty stroke after Sims was obstructed by the goalkeeper. Sims himself converted to level the score in the fiftieth minute. Two minutes later UCL were ahead again, with Sutton

scoring from a scramble, but & their joy was short-lived. Essex were rewarded with a penalty stroke for a stick tackle inside the circle and Sims again levelled the score.

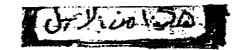
UCL attacked strongly in the closing minutes and Goffinet was obstructed in front of goal. Essex were let off lightly by conceding only a

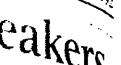
short corner. The ball was lost and considerable time was spent in finding a replacement UCL were unable to make any use of the short corner for the want

ESSEX: S Hockinson; A Woodley, M & Honderson-Las, P Murphy, I George, C Mile, P Fanne-Hoodley, P Gouldson, D Sims; C Amor, M Lee. UCL: S Noakes, G Jackson, R Kenhaw, J Haigh, A Apponyi, J Simpeon, M Monro, B Goffmet, T Sutton, D Wright, M Johnson.

Umphres: R Cox (Essex) and P Byron (Essex).







Harrison can swoop again on in-form Penny Drops

PENNY Drops, from Lord Huntingdon's in-form stable, can capture the Woodthorpe Handicap at Nottingham today with David Harrison again in the saddle, and she is

my nap. This lightly-raced filly may be unfortunate not to have remained unbeaten this

Penny Drops began by win-ning over six furlongs at Haydock last month in soft conditions.

Next time out though she was only fourth at Leicester. Afterwards, Alan Munro, her jockey on that occasion, reported that she should have won, but he was at fault because he had struck the front much too

As a result. Harrison was instructed to hang onto Penny Drops for as long as possible before the Vodaphone British

MANDARIN

3.20 Azzilfi.

3.50 Revere

Test to be

1.20 Allmosa. .

1.50 Zoom i ens.

2.20 Gilt Throne.

2.50 Royal Dartmouth

4.20 PENNY DROPS (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.20 ST ANNS SELLING STAKES

(£2,322: 3-Y-O: 1m 6i 15yd) (11 runners)

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

and Northern Racing Schools Apprentice Handicap at Newbury last Thursday. No senior jockey could have

followed his orders better as Harrison brought Penny Drops with a finely-timed late run to collar the long-time leader, Royal Dartmouth, in the last 100 yards and win going away by a length-and-a-half.

The way that she finished at the end of seven furlongs on testing ground that day sug-gested strongly that she will appreciate the step up in distance today, even though she is by the sprinter Sharpo. With only three races under

her belt this term, Penny

THUNDERER

1.20 Allmosa.

1.50 Zoom Lens.

2.20 Gilt Throne.

4.20 Penny Droos.

3.20 Al Seneti

3.50 Revere.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.20 Finneran's Fantasy. 2.20 Gât Throne. 3.20 AL SENAFI (nap).

SETTWE: 4-1 Reach For Glory, 9-2 Iron Bayes, 11-2 Allenges, 7-1 Gay Mileg, 8-1 Judge And Jury, 10-1 Princess Of Counge, 14-1 Paper Clip, 25-1 others:

NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

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1.50 MAPPERLEY HANDICAP (\$2,847: 2m-9yd) (20 numers)

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BETTIME: 7-1 Zoom Lans, 15-2 Familyin, 9-1 Menon Mell, Sports View, Calid Star, 10-1 Day Of History, Needwood Mappel, Dari Sound, 12-1 Cost Etrethin, 14-1 Full Culver, Officer Cadet, 16-1 offices. FORM FOCUS

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2,20 SMEINTON STAKES (£3,237: 6f 15yd) (3 numbers)

FORM FOCUS

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 PENNY DROPS.

2.50 SIR JOEY (nap).

Drops will be fresher than most and that can be an important factor at this late stage of the season. Equally important, she also goes unpenalised for that Newbury

It is no wonder that the connections of Royal Dart-mouth have declined to take on Penny Drops again. prefering instead a crack at the shorter Nottingham Autumn Handicap.

Azzīfi, who was beaten only length by Dyab on his debut at Leicester, is my choice to win the first division of the EBF Netherfield Maiden The other division can go to

the Paul Cole-trained newcomer Rivere. Highly regarded by his trainer, Rivere has a pedigree to match since he is the first

foal out of the Yorkshire Oaks

Dancing Brave. Over the jumps at Kempton. Josh Gifford can land a dou-ble with Retail Runner (2.10)

and Prix Vermeille winner, Bint Pasha, by the Arc winner

was a market successful to the control of the contr

and Mr Jamboree (3.40). Both have been recent winners for their Findon trainer. Furry Knowe will be his owner, the Queen Mother's

Hunt rules if he lands the Terrace Handicap Chase. The signs are encouraging as he was beaten only a neck on his seasonal debut at Worcester by a race-fit Sibton

389th winner under National

At Stratford, Sunbeam Talbot is taken to win the Binton Handicap Chase for the second year in succession after making that auspicious start to another campaign at Cheltenham a formight ago when winning by 20 lengths.

2.50 NOTTINGHAM AUTUMN HANDICAP (£3,057: 6f 15yd) (26 tunners) 16 (5) 013000 TWALGHT FALLS 15 (BF,CD,FS) (C South) M Canacho 7-8 12. Al Connormal 17 (11) 404800 WHIPPET 38 (K,D,F,S) (P Bornett) J Berentt 8-8-12. D Holland 18 (5) 405303 MEL-RPRK 38 (6) Mas A Spoyer) D Wilson 4-1-12. S Carrier 19 (17) 40800 HIGHBORN 15 (Vorkshire NC Owers 30) P Felgare 3-8-10. J Lowe 20 (23) 400000 MERRETTE LARRON 9 (Partick Partnership) G Balding 3-8 9. S D'Gorrann (3) 1 (1) 500002 ROYAL DARTIMOUTH 7 (CD,F,S) (Aminister Carpats) B Milleren 7-8-9 K Roberts (5) (2) (15) 4048010 JOHN O'URFAMS 9 (5) (MRS K Redgate) Mrs J Deve 7-8-8. M Roberts (2) (22) 0-0003 TAKE TF W CASH 3 (R Adams) R Dickin 3-8-8. C C Rester 14 (19) 405 S S'SHOCRI 13 (The Emisperiment) P Hazds 3-8-9. M Adams (2) (16) 650000 C SHARP 38 (Mrs N Myers) W Matr 5-8-4. J Owline 15 (2) 104000 VERRO 24 (8,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 15 (2) 104000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (9,D,S) (P Pardy) J Bernut 5-8-4. N Carges 13-15 (19) 40000 VERRO 24 (19) 40000

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3.20 EBF METHERFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-0: £2,880: 1m 54vd) (14 runners)

BETTINGS 9-4 Mausted Wood, 7-2 Azolle, 7-1 Al Sacel, 9-1 Bayes, 10-1 Sessiver, 12-1 Massariete, 16-1 others FORM FOCUS AL SEMARI 1117th of 17 to Placerville in Newmer-led marken (71, pood) with WARSPITE lest. AZZILF 11 2nd of 18 to Poeth In Lescenter marken (1m., good to soft). WAASPIRGFIT 111 8th of 19 to Beschayer in Newmarket marken (1m., good to firm). SASSIVER (Feb 24). By Finerman, is Anti-Turber to several wigners, incl 1m-1m21 winner Habitassa.

Corn. Sessalunds, placed in Irish Daks. DAMA SPRINES 51 3rd of 14 to Fortersty in Brighton (71, pood to soid) malden. Parkinette W000 (Feb 24, 8450,000). Half-deter by Wijnardy to Lovely Faby, winner of 2 class up to 1m 41. Dam. Fishy Proteines, won 1,000 Suinesz. Selection: AZZILF!

3.50 EBF NETHERFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-0: £2,857: 1m 54yd) (13 nunners)

4.20 WOODTHORPE HANDICAP (£3,015: 1m 54yd) (19 numers)

BETTIME: 7-2 Rovere, 4-1 Ajmean, 11-2 Talented, 13-2 Arc Bright, Fools Errand, 10-1 Calesseed, 16-1 olders. FORM FOCUS

ALMAAN (Mar 12, \$225,000). Half-brother by Arctic Toro to Dublen, placed to the Oaks, and Claringon Hadder See You Then. ARC BROKHT 131 Me of
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Selection: FOOLS ERRAND

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Selection: FOOLS ERRAND

BETTIME: 13-8 Burston Abby. 2-1 Gift Torone, 5-2 Sir Harry Hardman. FORM FOCUS GUT THRONE 27 2nd to Spandier in Doucaster | Chaptelow hop (34, good), SIR HARRY HARDMAN listed race (61, good to soft), BRANSTON ABBY bit 146 Bloud 9 to Croft Valley in Doucaster states race Using Franciscal classics (52, good to family). (74, good) test time. Selection: BRANSTON ABBY

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Suave Dancer at National Stud SUAVE Dancer, winner of the the colt and the other half will

French Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe last year, is to stand at the National Stud

This year's Arc winner, Suto stand at the National Stud The National Stud has pur- du Mezeray stud in Normanchased a 50 per cent interest in dy next year at a fee of £7,500.

4 2 WOODTHORPE HANDICAP (£3,015: 1m 54yd) (19 numbers)

1 (9) 232400 SAMTI SANA 54 (8) (Duchess of Narfold) Lindy Henter 4-9-10 Paul Eddary 87 (12) 2-3500 BISSEN 12 (Ms K Valentin) (Complet 4-9-4 S Mitchell (7) 80 (3) 3 (3) 51-0030 RARR ON TOUR 24 (15) Outs 8 Morraly M H Existency 3-9-2 M Brisch 97 (19) 2/1842 SYBILIN 243 (0) F) (Averages de Montachi) Jeony Rizgenid 6-9-1 K Fation 84 (15) 355000 CAPTAN MARMALABE 28 (Nate C Whitemont) D Thom 3-9-0 G Duchell 6 (1) 034856 GACHETTE 19 (R.P.) (S Coverly) 15 Sucrits 3-9-12 P Robitson 84 (1) 035180 LESCHO DULLAC 16 (20),63 (8 McAllisten) J Harris 3-9-12 P Robitson 85 (7) 805004 CHESELLY 24 (F.S) (J Floquesid) Jeony Rigged 5-9-12 M Relates 86 (1) 8050-141 PRINY DROPP 7 (S) (S Sterp) Lord Hantingdon 3-9-11 D Hantison (3) (8) (8) 060-071 ABELINN 12 (V.S) (A Budge (Equius) Ltd) J Grovet 3-9-10 S Melatinery (3) (8) (2) (10) 2000 D RT THE ROSES 24 (D.S.5) (Buch Missen) M Michards 6-8-7 J Robitson 81 (2) 10-3001 8000 PRT THE ROSES 24 (D.S.5) (Buch Missen) M Michards 6-8-7 J Brob 89 (1) (1) 060-0 PLEASHE QUEST 94 (Msts P Decemp) M Marticat 6-8-7 J Brob 89 (1) (1) 060-0 PLEASHE QUEST 94 (Msts P Decemp) M Marticat 6-8-7 J Gallan 15 (4) 8060-0 D BLYTON STAR 31 (Mst 3 Addisenters) S Bowing 4-9 S (S) (Brob Research Section 1) D Holland 81 (1) 00-0008 VERY 6000 138 (Mst A Prinsend) N Trainer 3-7-10 L Charmock 18 (14) 00-0008 VERY 6000 138 (Mst A Prinsend) N Trainer 3-7-10 L Charmock 19 (13) 00-0009 VERY 6000 138 (Mst A Prinsend) N Trainer 3-7-10 L Charmock 19 (13) 00-0000 PLTTE RESEAU (S, S) (PD Week) J Nathurs 7-7-9 M Agames 19 (13) 00-0000 PLTTE RESEAU (S, S) (PD Week) J Nathurs 7-7-9 M Agames 19 (13) 00-0000 PLTTE RESEAU (S, S) (PD Week) J Nathurs 7-7-9 M Agames 19 (13) 00-0000 PLTTE RESEAU (S, S) (PD Week) J Nathurs 7-7-9 M Agames 19 (13) 00-0000 PLTTE RESEAU (S, S) (PD Week) J Nathurs 7-7-9 M Agames 19 (13) 00-0000 PLTTE RESEAU (S, S) (PD Week) J Nathurs 7-7-9 M Agames 19 (13) 00-0000 PLTTE RESEAU (S, S) (PD Week) J Nathurs 7-7-9 M Agames 19 (13) 00-0000 PLTTE RESEAU (S, S) (P BETTING: 7-2 Penny Drops, 11-2 Clessily, 7-1 Abeloni, Good For The Roses, 8-1 others. FORM FOCUS GACHETTE 141 3rd of 29 to Falcons Dawn in Lake-restor tapp film, good to soft), with LEESHO DULAC. (35b better off? 17 7th. PERMY DROPS to Hoyal Datmouth 1141 in 20-numer Newbury apprentices bet) (77, good to soft), ASELONN it Tyrous Figs 1)% in 19-numer Catalants (71, good) bep.

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favoured by draw AFTER the nightmare flight, the dream draw (Richard Ev-

Europeans

ans writes). For once, European-trained

horses had luck on their side when stall numbers were allocated yesterday for the \$10 million Breeders' Cup races on Saturday. In at least half the races, a

realistic chance of winning. In the mile race, on the turf track, the first turn is only 881 feet from the start and horses drawn on the wide outside either have to run very wide or pull back to the rear of the field. Not for nothing is the 14 stall known as the coffin box. So imagine the delight as the draw gave Arazi three, Selkirk seven, and Exit To Nowhere five. Ladbrokes go 3-1 Arazi and Selkirk, 6-1 Lotus Pool, 8-1 Lure, Brief Truce, 10-1 Exit To Nowhere. In the sprint, an ideal draw is just off the rails between three and eight. Sheikh Albadou, seeking to win the race for the second-year running, is in the perfect spot in stall No7, while Mr Brooks and Lester Piggott will start out of stall No3. Betting: 9-4

Culture Vulture, six, and Marling, nine, also had luck on their side compared to Paseana, the favourite for the Distaff, who collected the dreaded 14 stall.

Sheikh Albadou, 3-1 Rubiano,

6-1 Mr Brooks, 8-1 Grey

In the \$3 million Classic, run over ten furlongs, and the 12-furlong Turf race the draw is of less significance. Dr Devious is drawn one and Corrupt, who will be on Lasix.

The legend lives on as Arazi monopolises media attention

FROM RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT, IN MIAMI

THE trans-Atlantic fascination with Arazi, like Madonna and Marilyn Monroe, is

unstoppable. Love the French colt or loathe him — and there are enough of the latter who still send hate mail to joint owner Allen Paulson and jockey Pat Valenzuela following the Kentucky Derby failure - you high draw effectively ends any

can't ignore him. The American racing press pilloried Arazi and François Boutin following the Churchill Downs race, but is still hypnotised by him. The entire front page of the Daily Racing Form, the US racing man's bible, was given over to the wonder horse" this week.

No sooner had Paulson emerged from his 30-foot stretch limousine outside barn 19 yesterday, than he was playing the role of Pied Piper to the world's racing scribes. "He's still a super horse, and he's matured," he said in an opening burst.

Explaining away the Ken-tucky Derby blues, he added: "He had a real vigorous twovear-old career with seven stakes races. He was dehydrated when he got to Churchill Downs and his blood count was way off too. He had real good excuses for what happened.'

Whether those excuses covered his subsequent failures, before his rejuvenation at Longchamp on Arc day, it is hard to say. What is certain is that Arazi has been a sick horse for much of this year. A team of American vets found fluid on his lungs after Royal Assot

But that is history. Now. according to Paulson, Arazi is in the physical and mental condition which launched the legend 12 months ago.

Personally, I think he's going to win on Saturday. I still say he's the greatest horse of all time. Francois [Boutin] is very high on him. He's very keen on having his horses mental attitude right. Now the horse is in top shape

Paulson's enthusiasm is such that he would like to see Arazi stav in training next year when he could have a crack at the ten-furlong Classic. "I will talk with Shaikh Mohammed about the future after the race on Saturday."

Earlier, the British contingent of horses cleared quarantine and were allowed out on to the track for their first exercise. What a culture shock.

The conditions are in stark contrast to those enjoyed at Lambourn and Newmarket. Apart from the heat, the dirt,



Scott: his Sheikh Albadou looks in top condition

the right bends, everything about the helter-skelter early morning training sessions is

For an hour, between 6.30 and 7.30am, the dirt and inner turf track are like Clapham junction during the rush hour, horses travelling down different lanes at different speeds, often in contrary

A heron, which glided gracefully over the lake in the middle of the racecourse, was the only semblance of calm as dozens of thoroughbreds were

put through their paces. Most of the British horses were restricted to a gentle canter, although the Paul Cole-trained pair of Firm Pledge and Culture Vulture each completed a piece of

work at half speed. In contrast to several of the Atlantic travellers, Sheikh Albadou looked in sensational condition. A stocky ball of muscle, his coat gleamed in the early morning sun. Alex Scott's sprinter must run well in the opening race on

Saturday.
Dr Devious and Rodrigo De Triano have travelled particularly well, according to several of the British lads, and appear to be benefiting from drinking the water flown over specially from Manton. Each had a gentle breakfast time

canter, watched by Peter Chapple-Hyam and his wife, ☐ Pat Eddery will ride at

Gulfstream Park tomorrow aboard two Khaled Abdulia handicap hopefuls - the Andre Fabre-trained Tertian and Contest Bid, trained by Mau-

2.40 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,784: 3m 110yd) (7 nmners)

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1.40 Factotum, 2.10 Retail Runner. 2.40 Le Chat Noir. 3.10 Furry Knowe. 3.40 Mr Jamboree 4.10 Gien Lochen.

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RICHARD EVANS: 3.10 Furty Knowe. 4.10 GLEN LOCHAN (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT 1.40 uxbridge conditional jockeys handicap hurdle

5 FECULTY CHARACTER 9-8.
Long bacdicar Cheleoff Raider 9-8.
BETTING: 11-10 Jimmy The Gillin, 13-8 Factoburn, 13-2 Streetman, 8-1 Misser Oddy, 14-1 Cheleonth Raider.
1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.10 KEMPTON ANTIQUE FAIR NOVICES CHASE (£2,898: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

BETTBIG: 10-11 Retail Runner, 2-1 Wick Pound, 8-1 Ousyage, 12-1 Siar Actor, Disco Dale, 14-1 Wylern, COURSE SPECIALISTS % JÜCKEYS
38.9 J Geranagh
90.8 J Osborne
25.0 G McCourl
18.4 M Perret
13.6 Peter Hobus
11.5 Only qualifor **JOCKEYS** 27.3 20.5 17.0 15.4 11.1 TRAINERS

3.40 STANDARD LIFE NOVICES CHASE (£2,820: 2m) (7 numers) 4.10 VAUXHALL NOVICES HURDLE (52,425: 2m 5f) (12 runners) | September | Sept BETTING: 6-5 Gian Locker, 7-2 Clay Kid, 5-1 Kenjion, 19-1 Zuryman, 12-1 Conter Home Alone, 14-1 Thetasin Russlooky, 20-1 l'Llomo Clausius, 25-1 August Twellin, Nr Main, 50-1 Smart Work, Buck Tre Trand. 1991: ARABIAN SULTAN 4-11-3 P Scotlamore (30-100 fav) M Pipe 8 can

251UF-4 LE CHAT NOR 17 (F.G) (Mrs R Howell) D Grissell 9-12-0 Pater Hobbs 94
111202 SEA BREAKER 10 (BF.F) (D Cardillon) D Cardillon 4-11-3 D Murphy 93
2040P-4 COSING DANCER 21 (D Woods) 5 Woods 5-11-1 A Carmol 96
642150 RATHAMBOEN HOUSE 178 (E) (B Lowey) T Thorseon Jones 5 10-12. 6 McCourl F155SS CHASSMARCLLA 92F (CD.F.G) (Mrs G Gerban) A Dayleson 7-10-7 D Gallagries 98
60-P02F TAP DANCING 14 (6) (J Allen) J Allen 6-10-0 Mr N Bradley (7) 90
10/945 BARADORA 8 (F) (Mrs J Smith) M Smith 10-10-0 T Granthum —

Long handicap: Tap Descing 9-5, Baragona 9-1.
BETTIMG: 9-4 Ratio/inden House, 3-1 Le Chat Holf, 4-1 Sea Breaker, Chassmarello, 10-1 Cognic Dencer, 14-1 Tap Dencero 25-1 Researce

l Baracora. 1997: CHASMARGLIA 6-9-11 J Kavanagh (13-2) A Davisco 9 nan

3.10 TERRACE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,574: 3m) (6 runners)

STRAIRCED. MANDARIN

1.30 Regent Lad. 2.00 Stunning Stuff. 2.30 Sunley Sparkle. 3.00 Maudlins Cross. 3.30 Victor Bravo. 4.00 Sunbeam Talbot. 4.30 Muizenberg. THUNDERER 1.30 Smiling Chief. 2.00 Rouyen, 2.30 Eau d'Espoir. 3.00 Maudlins Cross. 3.30 Victor Bravo. 4.00 Artiul Abbot. 4.30 Mulzenberg. RICHARD EVANS: 3.00 Shamana.

GOING: GOOD

1.30 PATHLOW NOVICES HURDLE (Division I: £1,305: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

7-4 Idiagat's Tudor, 7-2 Smilling Chiel, 6-1 Spur Bay, 10-1 Regert Led, 18-1 Grow. Val Mar, 20-1 others.

2.00 BEARLEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,927: 2m 5f 110yd) (14)

2.30 OCTOBER NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,305: 2m 110yd) (17)

(£1,305: 2m 110yd) (17)

1 DYSS CAMDLE KNAB 12 (8) H Marmors +11-11 - Philip McCrites (7)

2 D MASTHAL 21 K Oxide +-11-8 - J Relition

3 D SAASDE MINISTERL 5F R Misoring 4-11-6 - R Ferrant (5)

3 DAASDE MINISTERL 5F D Gandolfo +-11-1 - B Proved

5 DRASDIN SPRIT SS R From 3-10-6 - J Figure

6 MASTER MILEPHY P Marchy 3-10-6 - N Marmo

7 D MOSMANE 20 W Cleap -3-10-6 - Date Copy

8 QUARASMOTTON HUL 52F (8) K Britgmater 3-10-6 D Britgmater

9 PSD NK 38F J Jestins 3-10-6 - Date McCkanen

10 WISTOR ROMED 14 R Sprins 3-10-6 - Date McCkanen

11 AMOUREUSE SF I Cathord 3-10-1 - Peter Cathord

12 P CHANNOUN (8) J Lospin 3-10-1 - D Styrmo

13 30 SAU D'ESPORT 17 J Spaning 3-10-1 - A Mingular

14 B SYSINGS (DRESS 14 I Campball 3-10-1 - R Composit

15 LIDT OF MIDDE P Hedger 3-10-1 - M Richards

16 D MISS MARSBOLD 14 R Hoogen 3-10-1 - I Lawrence

17 P SHAPDRA 10 M Barrachoop 3-10-1 - S McReill

7-2 Cardle Korg, 11-2 Sooky Sparks, 6-1 Dragon Spirt, 6-1 Em d'Espoir,

10-1 Bad Ms, 16-1 Victor Romeo, Mathibul, 20-1 nites.

3.00 OSLO TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE

3.30 ARCHIE SCOTT MEMORIAL GOLD CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,454: 2m 6f 110yd) (7) 5-2 Victor Brand, 7-2 Petry Bridge, 9-2 The Laughing Load, 13-2 Mijmegen, 8-1 Calmostile, 10-1 Simple Pleasure, 12-1 Lobric.

4.00 BINTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,999: 3m 4f) (11)

4.30 PATHLOW NOVICES HURDLE (Division II: £1,305: 2m 110yd) (11)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSRS: Mrs. J Reiter, 5 witners from 12 conters, 41,7%; Jimmy Pitzparald, 7 from 20, 36 0%; T Foreiar, 16 from 50, 32,0%; D Bennes, 6 from 20, 30,0%; Libra J Pitman, 8 from 48, 16,7%; K Bailey, 4 from 24, 16,7%; Dale Mickeyen, 5 witners from 18 natures, 27,8%; C Lienstipt, 13 from 52, 24,1%, M A Fitzgerald, 4 from 20, 23,0%; A Smith, 3 from 15, 20,0%; A Maguire, 3 from 15, 20,0%; C Maude, 4 from 27, 14,8%

Blinkered first time NOTTINGHAM: 2.50 Lucknam Style, Executive Spirit.

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Browne case

brings denial

DAVID Aarons, the book-maker named in the Dermot

Browne enquiry, denied yes-terday that he had bought any

information from the dis-

Aarons was identified in two

allegations against Browne.

who was disqualified for ten

years on Tuesday by the Jockey Club's disciplinary

Browne was found to have

breached six rules of racing.

including one of giving infor-

mation to Aarons in return for

Anthony Sugare, on behalf

of Aarons, said: "My client

wishes to make it clear that he

was not a defendant in the Jockey Club proceedings brought against Dermot Browne and that in fact he, at

the request of the Jockey Club,

gave evidence at the hearing and was thanked for doing so. "My client emphatically de-

nies buying information from

Dermot Browne and that, furthermore, he maintains

that he is completely innocent of any wrong doing.
"It should be stressed that

no proceedings of any kind

have been taken against

Aarons."

committee.

monetary reward.

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> Yarmouth Going: good
>
> 1.30 (7) 3yd) 1. BALLERINA BAY (S. Cauthen, 8-1); 2. Foolish Touch (J. Ourin, 11-1); 3. Seihan (Septemb Device, 25-1); 4. Roce Murede (P. Pobinson, 11-2), ALSO RAN 9-2 tay Yonge Tender (5th), 8 Tyrone Plyer, 10 Guessimston, 12 Dence On Septence, 12 Judgement Cell, 14 Annabele Royale, 16 Toss The Dec, Crail Harbour, Jolest (6th), 20 Mary Machien, Gott's Desire, 25 Birthdays' Chick, Rural Lad, Far Enchentress, Fabled Orator, 19 ren 1, 11, ri, 2, 19t. D. Thom at Newmarket Totel: 25 St. 92-20, 51 St. 61 St. 62 St. 92 CSF. 93 St. 71 CSF. 93 CSF. 93 St. 71 CSF. 9 Going: good

Long handicage Triple Top 7-6.

3.06 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, JADE VALE (M Hills, 4-1); 2, Militrous (C Hawksley, 40-1); 3, Joli's Great (D Biggs, 5-1), ALSO RANk 7-4 law Pyng Speed, 9-2 Meple Bay (5th), 9 Jede Mestress, 16 JAm're (4th), 20 Winged Whisper (85h), 25 Nutmen Lass, 40 Candesco. 10 ran. NP. Cumbrian Cavaller. 34, 134, 214, 11, 61, J Hills at Lamboum. Tote: 24,40; 21,90, 27-10, 21,70, DF: 2127-80, CSF: 2109-72. Lembourn. Totle: EA.40; E1.50, E7.10, E1.70, DF. E1.27.80, CSF: £109.72.
3.30 (81 3yd) 1, HALF TERM (S Cauthen, 7-2 p-tay); 2, Castel Roussels (R Hills, 10-1); 3, Moon Suffee, M Murro, 7-2 p-tay). ALSO RAN: 7-2 p-tay Gisso, 5 Dormilla, 12 Kesting, 14 Pyrric Dance (Sh), 20 Corrow, The Atheling, 33 Ahlay, Billyhack (Sh), 40 Denrry Blue (4th); 12 ran, 51, 41, 11 rik, 11. J. Gooden. Totle: E4.00; £1.60, £4.60, £1.90, DF: £27.80, CSF: £38.97.
4,00 (1m 31 101yd); 1, AMAZON DI-PRESS (T Quirn, 6-1); 2, Addicted To Love (W R Swindorn, 7-1); 3, Castillat (S Cauthen, 11-4 lan); 4, Mizyan (N Day, 9-1), ALSO RAN: 13-2 Shap Top, 9 Taylors Prince, 10 Petsinous, 14 Rock Legand, Teighus, Thimbeltra, Dr. Zeva, 18 Free Transfer (Bh), 20 Rosse, Have Thoms (Sh), 25 Kovalevskia, 33 Stimmer Hawk, Kancia, 15 ran, 201, sh hd, 134, rk, 37-4 Relenant at Epsom. Totle: £7.30, £2.30, £2.10, £1.70, £2.60, DF: £19.20, CSF. E57.45, Titoser; £137.14. 230 (Jm 3yel) 1. KRISTIANSTAD (Paul Eddony, 11-4), 2. Shati (R.Hills, 11-10 km); 3. Cubreller (S. Cauthen, 9-0, ALSO RAN; 20 Chaff (4th), 100 Lonica of Or (5th), 5 ms. Nk, 31, 33, 152 Ms. J Cecil at Newmarkst Tosty, 62-40; 51, 70, 51, 10. DF; 52-30, CSF; Placepot: £1,367.60. Sedgefield

George Stood to soft

1.10 (2m S1 110)(4 hole) 1, Ardises (P)
Harley, 7-1); 2, Reel Lark (7-4 fav), 3, After
The Number (20-1), 12 ren. 4, 2, R O'Leavy.

Pleospot: \$78.60

2030. CST. 1023. HEBB. 1. Kayarda (P. Niven, 3-1 tav); 2. Spit. Second (B-1); 3. Getwide (S-2); 18 rsn. NFT Dollar Wine, Milyel, Sh. hd, 71. Mrs. G. Reveley, Totel. E3.0C; E2.00, E2.60, E1.80. DF: E17.50. CSF: E31.97. CSF: £31.97.
2.10 (2m 11 110)d hdle) 1, Mrs Jawleyford (M Ranger, S-11; 2, Saon (S-1), 3, All Greek fo Me (S-1 tayl), 9 nm. 11, 151. C Smith. Toter £3.00, £2.00, £2.19, £1.10. DF. £36 90. CSF: £38.72. Tricest £117.29. 538 60. CSF: £38.72. Tincest: £117.29.
2.40 (2m 5f ch)*1, Wetertight (P Niver, 8-2 p.tov.); 2, 8ad Trade (10-1), 3, Logarnimo (7-1). Rad Rondo 9-2 p.tav. 10 ran. Nt, 51 Mar G Reveley, 10ter 15, 80: £2.50, 52.50, £1.60.
DF: £72.30. CSF: £44.57 Tincest: £284.59.
3,10 (2m 5f ch)*1, Borenza (F Hodge, 4-1); 2, Concert Paper (7-1); 3, Sandy's Beacon (5-4 fav), 16 sin. 41, 2d. Mar G Reveley Toles: £4.70; £2.00, £2.30, £1.10.
DF: £5.10. CSF: £31.11. x15.10. GSP: 251.17.

3.40 (Sm 3f ch) 1, Over The Deel (A Thomton, 7-1); 2, Regal Estate (7-2); 3, Master Moody (12-1). Portona, 11-8 taw. 9 ran. 11, 121 W.A. Stephenson, Tota: 25.00; 61.40, 61.30, 62.60 DF: 67.00 CSF: 231.43. Tricest: 5270.83. After a Stewards' inquiry, result stood. argury, resur scool.
4.10-2m 11 110yd ha) 1. Aslam (W Dwert, 8-1); 2. Strath Royal (10-1); 3, Mr Shipe (5-1) Tocqood To Be True 5-5 lav. 15 ran. NR: White Diemond. Good Secret, Spiders Deight. 12, 71. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Toto. CSP: £94.88.

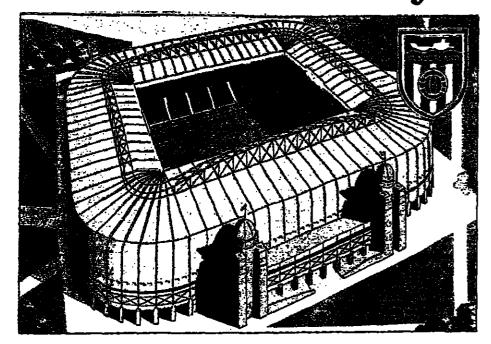
COTTI WEIL FIGHT.

Going: good (good to firm patiches)
1.50 2m 2 Indie) 1, Giebelands Girl (G
Rowe, 7-2; 2, Powersurge (P-21; 3, Topi All
(9-1), Green's Exhibit (100-30 law, 9 ran, NR;
Ledy Rendolph, 3v9, 2, R Rowe, Tote:
52 70; 21:70, 21:60, 22:20 DF; 29:10, CSF;
218.97, Tricest: 2116.85, Bought in
3, (100gres,
220 (2m 2) ch) 1, St Athens Led (D Morris,
11-8 fav); 2, Annic Chilons (100-30); 3,
Williamsfeld (33-1), 7 ran, 3v1, dist R
Curtis, Tote: \$2.40; \$1.40, \$2.00, DF; \$4.60
CSF; \$5.47, CSF: 85 47.
2.50 (2m 2! hole) 1, Absent Relative (A Magure, 3-1); 2, Ben Achem (11-1), 3, Mountein Review (11-2). Mister Mejor 5-5 lev. 5-sen, NF; Dereb. 81. 44 Miss Beanders Toter 23:30; 21:40, 23:10. DF: 217:30 CSF: 224.70
3.20 (2m 2):110yd ch) 1, Fether Dowling (A Magure, 5-2); 2, Gold Cap (15-8 lev); 3, Converts Choice (33-1), 10 sen. 5h hd, dist. G Belating Toter 22:80; 21:30, 21:70, 23:50. DF: 25:00. CSF: 77:48.
3.50 (2m 2): ch) 1, Magd Cassenova (0) £3.50. DF: £5 D0. CSP: £7.48.
3.50. [2m: 2! cth) 1, Madi Casanova (D. O'Sulfivan, 7-2 lavi); 2, Height of Fun (5-1);
3, Mester Corredy (50-1), 11 ran NE: Pertechnicon: 81, bl. R O'Sulfivan, Tote: £4-0; £1-80, £2-00, £2-0.50. DF: £15-70.
CSF: £20.67. Titcest: £578-05.
4.20. [2m: 2! holle) 1, Bally Clover (R. Durwoccky, 9-1); 2, Esprit de Famme (14-1); 3, Urban Cowboy (7-2). Jumbaeu 5-2; tay 19 ran. 29i. [12] N Hendieson. Tote: £13-20; £2-80, £5-70, £1-40. DF: £128-20.
CSF: £132-06. Placepot: £267.60.

Fontwell Park

Louise Taylor reports on a stadium complex that, when completed, may set the standard for English football clubs

Sunderland ready to break new ground for North East



his is the 48,000 all-seat stadi-um where Sunderland will be playing their football in three years' time. A Wembley of the north, it is to be the first large football ground constructed for 40 years and brings the Taylor Report to life.

Sunderland can start to turn architects' drawings into concrete and steel when a referendum confirms the club's desire to relocate five miles from Roker

Park, its home for 94 years.

Bob Murray, the Sunderland chairman, expects a "landslide" in layour of leaving for what will be England's biggest club stadium. Although the result is officially due on Monday, it was clear last night that those opposed to moving northwest to Washington were in the minority of the 35.440 club members. Supporters had been asked to mail objections to the Football League by noon yesterday.

The Sunderland board is confident second only to Wembiey in size, part of

parking for 12,000 cars, restaurants, a museum, shops, cinemas, banks, a petrol station, and an exhibition centre. The project will create 2,000 jobs.

The alternative was a £20 million redevelopment of Roker, which would leave the Victorian structure, sited in a residential area, with a capacity of 25,000 - with some restricted views.

It is no surprise that Sunderland believe the only option is to do what Taylor told them. If the Lord Chief Justice had produced an identikit of the ideal all-seat stadium when, in 1989. he issued his final report on the Hillsborough disaster, Sunderland's plan might well have been it.

Since the publication of the report. there has been much talk but little implementation. Sunderland - in the first division but with a larger support than many in the Premier League will be the first big club to take up Taylor's challenge fully. Scunthorpe United Walsall and Chester City have moved into new stadiums but on a

Senegal Fields ground, under con-struction, has a capacity of only

That Sunderland are able to break new ground is due to several factors. Unlike many clubs wishing to relocate, planning permission has not proved a problem. So keen were Sunderland city council to help that it released the 120acre site from a green-belt zone.

ts position is ideal. Convenient to Newcastle and Teesside airports, it L is close to sea ports, the A1, the main east coast railway line and adjacent to the A19. The site is next to the Nissan car manufacturing plant and the Japanese company is likely to become involved in the project.

Sunderland's directors emphasise the scheme will "not cost the chib a penny", with 50 per cent of funding coming from the public sector and the remainder from private business.

It may sound ambitious in recessionary times but the sums add up. Murray encouraged by guarant

businesses quening up to buy space.
There is a need for an exhibition centre in the north of England," he said. "Why shouldn't the North East have an alternative to the NEC. Why can't we have the best football ground

in the country?"

While Simderland's league position is disappointing—twentieth in the first division — Murray says that, in the long term, to build a successful side they need to move and benefit from the money and prestige generated by the new ground. The playing arena — costing £60 million — would be ready for the start of the 1995-6 season. The whole complex is due to be completed in 1996, the year England hosts the European championship. Sunderland's new ground, also to be called Roker Park, would be virtually guaranteed to stage championship matches in

Lord Taylor, born and bred in Newcastle, will be delighted a club and its supporters are prepared to forsake tradition for his vision of a safe future.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday enhance entertaining reputation

By Louise Taylor

SHEFFIELD Wednesday's swashbuckling reputation was against Leicester City at Hillsborough in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup

If it was a bad night for Brian Little, the Leicester manager, and his first division side, it proved a good one for Mark Bright, the Wednesday forward, who scored two goals against the dub with whom he started his career.

With Gordon Watson making the most of a rare first team outing by also helping himself to two goals, the other Wednesday scorers were David Hirst - with his seventh in eight games -, Chris Bart-Williams and Nigel Worthington. Bobby Davison did have the last word by scoring the game's final goal in the 79th minute for Leicester, but by then his strike was

Queens Park Rangers had to wait until the final six minutes at Gigg Lane before beating Bury. Struggling in the lower reaches of the third division, Bury seemed unlikely giant-killers, but a lucrative replay at Loftus Road looked on the cards until the 84th minute, when Darren Peacock put the Premier League side in front. Bradley Allen struck the second in the dying seconds.

Regrettably, though, a good old-fashioned cup tie was tainted by the tackle, after 30 minutes, which put Rangers' Andy Sinton out of the game. The England winger needed an X-ray on his right shin to determine that no bone was broken after Lee Anderson, 19, challenged dangerously high. He escaped with a

Sinton said: "The lad left the ball behind and went over the top. It is about time someone stopped that kind of tackle or they are going to end somebody's career. Perhaps over-the-top tackles should automatically result in red

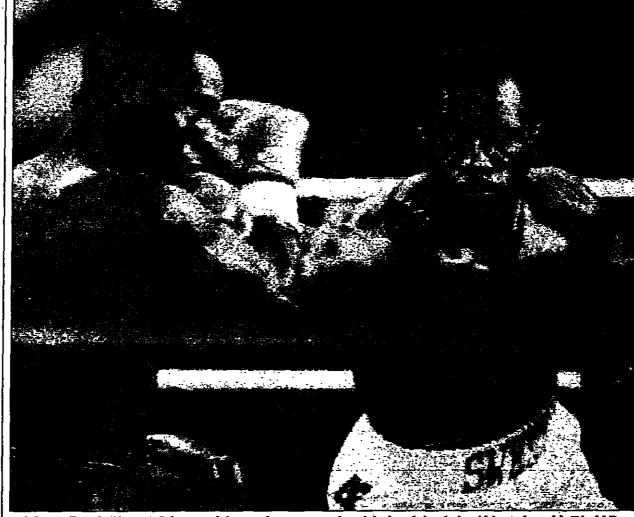
Further X-rays in London late yesterday confirmed that his fibula had not been cracked and Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, was alarmed at the

"The over-the-top tackle is deadly," Taylor said. "We would not object if it was made an automatic sending-off offence. We would support it completely. That kind of challenge can never be justified. It is the kind of challenge which cannot be justified in any

Glenn Hoddle, the playe manager of Swindon Town, failed to receive the present he most wanted on his 35th birthday when Oldham Athletic won another tie 1-0 at the County Ground. A goal from Paul Bernard — for which Hoddle, Swindon's sweeper was partly at fault - ensured that Premier League prevailed over the side presently standing second in the first

It was a similar story at Fratton Park where Ipswich Town departed having booked their fourth round ticket thanks to a 1-0 win against Portsmouth courtesy of Neil Thompson's sixth minute goal

Manageriess Cambridge United - they dismissed John Beck last week - shrugged off their troubles with a 3-2 cup win at Notts County, while Scarborough, who beat Coventry in the second round, must replay after a 3-3 third round draw at Peter Shilton's Plymouth Argyle. In a delayed second round, second leg tie, Leeds United were held to a 2-2 draw at Scunfhorpe United but won 6-3 on



Right on: Reggie "Sweet" Johnson, right, produces a stunning right hand that helped him to keep his World Boxing Association middleweight title against Lamar Parks in Houston on Tuesday

Dwyer urges risks for victory

go to court AFTER the World Cup, what? Paris: The organisers of the Le Mans 24-hour race are demanding around £4.5 million in compensation from FIA, the sport's ruling body. The Automobile Club de L'Ouest (ACO) made its demand during a court hearing here yesterday, because only 28 cars started this year's race on

MOTOR SPORT

Le Mans race

arguments

June 20. The ACO claimed that television coverage was down in terms of quantity and quality, and that a contract signed with FIA in September 1990 covering both points had therefore been broken.

The ACO claimed it signed over television rights to Fisa, FIA's competition arm, believing this would lead to about 50 cars appearing on the starting grid. (AFP) **RUGBY UNION**

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Perhaps the answer for Robert Dwyer's Wallabies, approaching their seventh international since lifting the Webb Ellis Trophy last November, lies in a challenge that Dwyer makes in his autobiography, The Winning Way, published in the Southern Hemisphere in July, and in Britain and Ireland today.

Dwyer, Australia's coach, from 1982 to 1984 and again since 1988, is in Dublin preparing for his fiftieth international at the helm - Ireland at Lansdowne Road on Satur-

But his remarks are aimed, it seems, at British teams in general and England in particular. He writes: "Rugby is a game which deserves to be played positively, by which I mean that every team should be willing to risk defeat in the pursuit of victory."

This is a creed central to a book which is one of the most articulate expositions on the drive to sporting success which rugby union, at least, has enjoyed. Not only does Dwyer expand on what has made Australia the dominant force in world rugby, but he does it with an appreciation of history sometimes lacking in today's

To set out to win by capitalising on the mistakes of your opponents is, in my opinion, a miserable way to play the game," he says. "My policy is: Let's play a

positive, aggressive game, and let's create our own opportunities for winning — let's keep the winning of the match in our hands." This is aimed directly at Australia's opponents in the World Cup final, England, not for their approach in that match, but for the manner in which they

played to reach it.

Dwyer's philosophy has been consistent since he began coaching, first with Sydney's Premier club, Randwick, and subsequently Australia. He wears his heart on his sleeve, an entirely Australian quality also apparent in Alan Jones, the coach who separated Dwyer's two terms in office.

The two men have frequently been accused of being at odds with each other. But Dwyer treats what was a miserable period of his career with generosity. This, along with a quality of transparent honesty, is what makes this book more readable than most of its genre.

CRICKET

Cook will get an early sight of the Indian attack

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN JOHANNESBURG

INDIA start their tour today _ the first Test match at Durban with a one-day match against Nicky Oppenheimer's XI on the family's newly created private ground at Randjiessontein near here. It will be a gentle, semi-social occasion similar to those at Arundel each spring but could be important for three South African Test candidates.

Jimmy Cook, Kniper and Snell, all familar figures on the county circuit, have a chance to impress against the touring side after disappointing starts to the domestic season. Cook has failed twice for Transvaal in the four-day. Currie Cup and Kuiper has played only once after an ankle operation.

Snell's poor form for Somerset last summer has continued and he has been overtaken by Steven Jack in the challenge to share the new ball for South

Africa with Donald.
The South African selectors have put back by a week their announcement of the team for

on November 13. They have from Wessels, the captain, and Hudson, his opening partner, this season but face a tricky decision about Clive Rice, 43. who has been the outstanding performer in recent weeks after moving to Natal from

Oppenheimer, the deputy chairman of the De Beers and Anglo-American diamond and mineral companies, who is a fanatical enthusiast and patron of South African cricket, is leading his own XI which also includes his son. Jonathan, an Oxford Blue.

Among retired players turning out is Vincent van der Bijl. ed to 750 but numerous marquees have been rented to business houses. A considerable sum is expected to be raised for the United Cricket Board of South Africa's development fund for disadvan-

YACHTING

Nuclear Electric just edges out rivals

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE early crowds on Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana Beach saw with another tense battle yesterday as the crew of Nuclear Electric fought off a last minute challenge from both Rhone-Poulenc and Coopers & Lybrand in the British Steel Challenge, on Tuesday the first three arrived within three minutes of each other.

"We took 12 hours to cover the last five miles. We sat all night within sight of the finish. It was so frustrating," John Chittenden, the skipper of Nuclear Electric, said after finishing 12 minutes ahead of Rhone-Poulenc.

Eight minutes later, Coo-pers & Lybrand, skippered by Vivian Cherry, crossed the line

to take minth place, but with

the zephyrs blowing haphazardly from all directions, the order could easily have been

"Suddenly seeing those two spinnakers charging over the horizon was fright-ening, "Chittenden said."

Apart from bouts of sea-sickness during the first three days, all the crews have reported idyllic conditions for much of the 5,300 miles.

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ATHLETICS

Whittingham is removed

MIKE Whittingham, joint holder of Britain's coach-ofthe-year award, has been removed from his position as national event coach for 400 metres (David Powell writes). Whittingham, who trains Roger Black, Kriss Akabusi, John Regis and Jon Ridgeon, said yesterday that the decision had come as a surprise.

Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, said that Whittingham had been replaced to allow him to concentrate on being a personal coach and athletes manager. But Whittingham, replaced by personal basis."

Adrian Thomas, said: "To use that as a reason is absurd." He was referring in part to Dick's acceptance of coaching engagements in tennis and rugby union, while claiming the work had no adverse affect on his job in athletics. "I know a lot of 400 metres runners in Britain, I get on well with them and I know a little bit about the event. Why not keep the continuity going? I think Frank would like people to direct all their energy into their event, and to forget any interest they might have on a



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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Plasburgh Penguins 7. Ottawa Senators 2 LA Kings 4. New York Islanders 3; Quebec Nortiques 4, Tampa Bay Lightning 3.

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BASKETBALL: Men's European clubs championship quarter finel group series. BOXING: Central area tilles (two bouts) (at Leeds Town Hall) SPEEDWAY: Ipowich: Individual 16-tap.

RUGBY LEAGUE

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UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Internal 22, Wales 11 (at Domytrook, Dublin).
CLUB MATCH: Oxford Univ 13, Neath 32.
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Weybridge Q, Winnledon 12, Truro 17,
Bedkord Modern 20. SNOOKER

SCHLIMPOORT, Antwerp, Belgien Mae-ters: First round: R O'Sulfiver (Eng) bt P Ebdon (Eng), 43; J Wellang (The) bt T Griffitis (Wal), 43. **SPEEDWAY** HOMETRE LEAGUE. First division: King's Lynn 40, Casdley Heath 50; King's Lynn 51, loswich 28. Second division: Peetponed: Gasgow v Riye House (waterlogged).

SQUASH SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Gasgow Accies 4, Forthill 1; SSRC 0, Bridge of Aller 5; Colinton Ceetle 3, Edinburgh SC 2.

STOCKHOLM: Men's Indoor tournament: First round: J Sversson (Swe) bt 9 Gibbert (US), 6-4, 6-3; J Hisselt (Switz) bt J Carlsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; A Bootsch (Fr) bt J Swinchet: (So), 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; M Lantson (Swe), 6-1, 6-3; M Homeson (US) bt M Woodlond (Aus), 6-7, 7-6, 6-4; D Photagon (US) bt M Norman (Swe), 6-1, 6-2, Second round; T Muster (Ausria) bt LA Wahlgrin (Swe), 6-4, 4-5, 6-4; C Borgstron (Swe), 6-4, 4-5, 6-4; C Borgstron (Swe), 6-4, 4-5, 6-4; C Borgstron (Swe) bt C Coeta (Sp), 3-6, 6-4, 8-3; A Manactori (Inr) bt A Volkov (Russ), 7-d, 6-1; S Edbarg (Swe) bt A Madvedev (Ukr), 6-1,

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Jahangir to bow out in Pakistan

Jahangir Khan, 29, who plans to quit squash at the end of the season because of 2 recurring back injury, will make a final emotional appearance in the Pakistan Open in December.

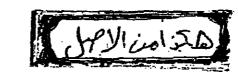
Jahangir, six times the world champion, had been doubtful after pulling out of the World Open at Johannesburg in September because of the back trouble.

Sindall's haul

Swimming: Melsey Sindall. 15, of the Borough of New ham club, claimed three Essex county senior titles, in the 100. 400 and 800 metres freestyle. at the weekend and not as previously reported. The junior was also runner up in the 200 metres freestyle.

Woodland out

Rugby union: Huw Wood-land, the Maesteg captain, will be out for the rest of the year after hand surgery.



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212.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh reports from the New York premiere of the film Glengarry Glen Ross and talks to the stars Al Pacino and Jack Lemmon; and Lord Ashley discusses Deaf Awareness Week (s) (5907356) 12.55 Regional News and weather (53202368) 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (12894) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80402455) 1.50 Going For Gold. General knowledge quiz (s) (80402455) 1.50 Going For Gold. General knowledge quiz (s) (80402475) 2.15 Film: The Prisoner of Second Avenue (1975) starring Jack Lemmon and Anne Bancroft: Unusually bleak comedy from Nell Simon about a suddenly rectundant executive who cannot cope with unemployment and takes it out on his now breadwinning wife. Look out for a cameo role by Sylvester Stallone as an alleged pick-pocket. Directed by Melvin Frank (401815) 3.50 Puppydog Tales. The adventures of four dogs (9779469)-3.55 Noddy (s) (6284146) 4.10 Star Pets (s) (7110436) 4.20 Get Your Own Back. Game show (s) (2242271) 4.35 Uncle Jack and the Dark Side of the Moon. Episode three of the six-part drama serial. (Ceefax) (s) (7928961)

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6.30 Regional News Magazines (559). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mark Franklin (s) (5177)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (542)
8.00 As Time Goes By. Bob Larby's romantic comedy starring Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer (f). (Ceefax) (s) (6417)
8.30 Waiting For God. Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole star as ageing activists causing mayhem in a retirement home. (Ceefax) (s) (8252) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (5148) 9.30 Smith and Jones. Mel Smith and Gryff Rhys Jones with another collection of comic sketches. (Ceetax) (s) (49875) 10.00 One Foot in the Grave. Victor celebrates his 61st birthday by

Othe Foot in the careve. Victor celebrates his onst birthold by giving away his best pair of shoes and carting a virtual stranger round a garden centre. Still, he has got a holiday in Athens to look forward to — hasn't he? Staming Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie (f). (Ceetax) (18417). Northern treland: Spotlight; Wales: A



Panellist: Ed Koch, former mayor of New York (10.30pm)

10.30 Question Time from Washington DC. Peter Sissons's panel is Shirley Williams, professor of politics at Harvard; Viv Weber, co-chairman of the Bush campaign; Kurt Schmoke, mayor of Baltimore; Jeane Kirkpatrick, former United States ambassador to the UN; and Ed Koch, former mayor of New York (18829). Northern Indeed, One Egyt in the Grove 11 00 Question Time 12.00-12.45 Ireland: One Foot in the Greve 11.00 Question Time 12.00-12.45 Law and Order

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11.30 Nell Sedaka in Concert. The singer recorded in Birmingham's
Symphony Hall (r) (s) (103504). Wales: One Foot in the Grave 12.00
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8.00 Breakfast News (4762097) 8.15 Westminster (4056726)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes
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(32538455) 2.15 Advice Shop. The first of a new series of the welfare rights magazine presented by Helen Madden and Andrew Miller (7088523). Northern Ireland. Diversions 2.25-3.15 Northern Ireland Question Time

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4.30 World Scrabble Championships. Highlights from last year's event (r) (455)
5.00 From the Edge. News of the arts, political and news scenes from disabled reporters. (Ceefax) (8875)
5.30 Food and Drink. A repeat of Tuesday's programme that includes a recipe for a spicy That curry (s) (707)
6.00 Film: 3.10 to Yuma (1957, b/w).
CHOICE: One of the best westerns of the 1950s, 3.10 to Yuma is a taut and economical story which, like High Noon, builds its suspense around a railway timetable. Van Heifin plays Dan Evans, an Arizona rancher hit by the drought, who volunteers to escont outiaw Ben Wade (Glenn Ford) to the state prison at Yuma. Unusually for a western there is little physical action. The drama is chiefly psychological, charting the battle of wills between Evans and his unpredictable charge as the minutes tick by and Wade's gang close in to rescue him. The film depends more than most westerns on its dialogue and Halsted Welles's screenplay is a model of saying much with the minimum number of words. The director was Delmer Daves, an undervalued figure whose other westerns include Broken Arrow and The Hanging Tree (61287). Wales: Inside English 6.15 Lingo! 6.30 Winning 7.00 Spain on a Plate
7.30 First Sight: Who Cares? Terry Dignan investigates the changes in commanity care that will take place in Britain next April (184). Northern Ireland: Route 92, Wales: Dad's Army. East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and Northwest: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up; West: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up;

west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up; West: Close Up West 8.00 A Cook's Tour of France. Miretile Johnston returns to her native Provence to re-acquaint herself with the food of the region. (Ceelax)

8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson wellows in the luxury of driving old

Maserati's as well as the latest model, the 222; and Tony Mason reports on the Midland Rally (s) (6894) 9.00 Bottom. Basic humour from Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayafi as bachelor flatmates (Ceefax) (s) (3788)



Cafe society: Theresa Heagren waits on truckers (9.30pm)

ent Imperfect: Chips in the Night.

 CHOICE: Tonight's vignette of recession-hit Britain comes from the Red Lodge transport cafe near Newmarket where manageress Theresa Heagren and her team dispense the traditional fare of greasy fry-ups and mugs of strong tea to hungry truckers. Despite the economic climate, the clientele seems solid and faithful. Theresa is more worried about the new by-pass which threatens to take away her traditional customers. But Peter Gordon's film is more than a story of a British institution under threat. It is revealing about the culture both of the long-distance lony driver and the catering business and highlights the irony that although it mainly serves men, the Red Lodge is mainly run by women. Theresa says she and most of her staff have had beet experiences with men and working in the cafe is a chance to be in control (s) (27542)

10.30 Newsright with Sue Cameron (979829)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (760813)

11.55 Later with Jools Holland. Providing the music tonight are Shakespear's Sister, Indigo Girls and Mary Chapin Carpenter (s) (434146) 12.30am Weather (6628837). Ends at 12.35

3.00 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (88160). Ends at 4.00

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (6478146) 9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz (1480165) 9.55 Thames News (7097455) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion (8304455)

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10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (26163455)
12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series for children (f) (7541788)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Sonia Ruseler and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle) Weather (8232455) 1.05 Thames News (81750748)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama (Oracle) (570788) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama senal (675287)
2.15 TV Weeldy. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes (594368) 2.45 Take the High Road Highlands haped drama senal (6706230)

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3.50 The Ratties Animation (r) (1474897) 3.55 Captain Zed and the Zee Zone. Animation (s) (6546436) 4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club (1634320) 4.45 Bad Influence! The first of a new senes about the latest in computer games and technology (7919233)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz (4070788)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (235374)
5.55 Thames Help (r) (849707)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (146) 6.30 Thames News (725)
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales (Oracle) (5165)
7.30 Jimmy's. More real-life dramas concerning the patients and staff of St James's University Hospital, Leeds (s) (610)
8.00 The Bilt: Discipline. DCI Meadows (Smon Rouse) starts a rumour that he has enough evidence to put away a local drugs baron for a

that he has enough evidence to put away a local drugs baron for a very long time. (Oracle) (4813) 8.30 This Week: Ivan the Less Terrible? A report on the case of John Demianluk, held under sentence of death in an Israeli prison. He was convicted of being the notorious "Ivan the Temble" who operated the gas chambers in Treblinka during the second world war but has always protested his innocence (3320)



Wrongly accused of war crimes? John Demjanjuk (8.30pm)

9.00 Rumpole of the Balley.
● CHOICE: Leo McKem's Falstaffian barrister returns for a new series, 16 years after the character was first seen in a single play for the BBC. Such a long run often results in a good idea outstaying its welcome but the old rascal looks to have a bit more life in him yet. welcome but the did rascal looks to have a bit more site in him yet. Plumpole has settled into familiar grooves and the pleasure lies not in being surprised but in renewing the acquaintance of agreeable friends. We can relish again the uneasy truce between Rumpole and She Who Must Be Obeyed, the good-natured but often telling digs at the legal system, the clever plotting and the roguish humour. Tonight's tale, of an eight-year-old child accused of devil worship, may not be one of John Mortimer's best but it is sold with the customary skill and smoothly integrated with a sub-plot about a conspiracy to evict Rumpole from his chambers. (Oracle) (3417) 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Carol Bames. (Oracle)

Weather (36813) 10.30 Thames News (477368)
10.40 01. This week's featured film is *Unlawful Entry* (s) (147788)
11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's

detention centre (418813) 12.10am Science Fiction: No Final Truth. The story of a group of prisoners kept in Buchenwald by the Nazis to produce a typhus raccine for their troops (1251189)

12.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Hippocratic Oath. An arrogant medical student tries to buy his qualification (2421189)
1.05 Film: The Big Gamble (1961) staming Stephen Boyd and Juliet Greco. Amable adventure yarn about an Irishman and his wife who buy a large truck and make for Africa's Ivory Coast where they hope to make a fortune in the haulage business. Directed by Richard Fleischer (435740)

3.00 Kojak. The New York policeman investigates the death of an undercover colleague (r) (15214)
4.00 Motor Sport Special. Action from Pembrey and Mallory Park (46363) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (54721)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (24092) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (62189). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (53726) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (66207) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (13962)

9.30 Schools (421146)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (33726)
12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school series (72368)
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13.30 Take 5. Young people's entertainment (44320)
2.00 Film: Terror in a Texas Town (1958, b/w) starring Sterling Hayden and Sebastian Cabot. Off-beat western drama about a Scandinavian whaler, an ace with the harpoon, who goes to his father's (arm in Texas and finds the town terrorised by an unscrupulous oil baron who is forcing everyone off their oil-rich land. Directed by Joseph H. Lewis (94487)
3.30 Aldabra Reprieved. A Survival documentary about the fight by conservationistato prevent an Angio-American airbase being built on an island teeming with rare wildlife in the Indian Ocean (r) (504)
4.00 Family Pride. Drama serial about a Micliands-based Asian family (s) (639)
4.30 Fifteen To One. General knowledge quiz game (s) (523)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Patit Davis, daughter of Ronald and Nancy Reagan, talks about the non-physical abuse she suffered from her parents (s) (6625233)

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5.55 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's series namated by Nigel Planer (r) (847349)

6.00 My Two Dads. American comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (788)

6.30 Gemesmaster. Computer game show (368)7.00 Channel 4 News with Dermot Mumaghan and Zeinab Badawi

(Telerext) Weather (991610)
 7.50 Comment. Ekzabeth Smart, whose business folds this week, talks about the struggle being faced by small businesses (100900)
 8.00 The Black Bag: The Britton Beat. The second of two programmes looking at the work of the Britton police reveals the results of their attempts to crack down on crime in one of the country's most welent periphorumboods (2) (2455)

country's most violent neighbourhoods (s) (2455)

8.30 Rising Damp. Rigsby, despite having a cynical view on the subject of matrimory, lets the landing flat to a young couple and tries to make amends in the grand manner. Starring Leonard Rossiter (r). (Teletext) (1962) 9.00 Critical Eye: Wake Up England.

 CHOICE: Following English football supporters around Sweden during European championship, this film sets out to challenge the image of mindless thugs bent on stirring up trouble. It refutes the police view that the street battles of Malmo and Stockholm were down to an organised conspiracy it suggests that the supporters had plenty of provocation; media hype, overreaction by the police, poor accommodation and England's dismal showing on the field. But the main thous to that he placetime these form therests in the But the main thesis is that hooliganism stems from elements in the English psyche, an insularity and xenophobia which manifest themselves in an aggressive desire to be noticed. There is an instructive comparison between the brawling Englishmen and the sporting Scots, who after their team was deteated by Germany joined the celebrations of the rival fans. (Teletext) (7287)



Seducer: Peter Weller coaxes Molly Ringwald (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Women and Men — Stories of Seduction (1990) A portmanteau comedy drama based on three short stones about seduction written by Mary McCarthy, Dorothy Parker and Ernest Hemingway — The Man in the Brooks Brothers Suit, directed by Frederic Raphael, Dusk before Fireworks, directed by Ken Russell and starring Peter Weller and Molly Ringwald, and Hills Like White Elegation directed by Tens. Debagaine (A) (501 788) Elephants, directed by Tony Richardson (s) (591788) 11.35 Animations. Plus One Minus One and Salome

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12.40 Dispatches (f) (8208943)
1.25 Film: Lady By Choice (1934, b/w) staming Carole Lombard and May Robson Comedy about an exotic dancer who is arrested for indecency and persuaded by her agent to adopt a mother in order to create a good impression. Directed by David Burton (9109547), Ends at 2.45

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Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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10.15 Welcome Home Roay Carmichael (1990): Winona Rydar believes her mother is a local celebrity (892243)
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SKY SPORTS

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• Vis the Astra Samples 10.00am Fashton File (50558) 10.30 Cover Story Peter Allen (96320) 11.00 Gloss (99726) 11.30 The Joan Rivers Show (299320) 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael (3145392) 1.10 Lunchbox (75530233) 1.40 Sell-a-Vision (87256694) 2.10 Remington Sell-2-Vision (87258894) 2.10 Permington Steele (8600455) 3.00 The New Newtywood Game (5962) 3.30 Beverly Hals Burbt (5687) 4.00 Dick Van Dylte (5489230) 4.40 Jokers Wild (8045287) 5.30 Sell-2-Vision (4862) 6.00 Selly Jessy Rephael (4754) 7.00 Sell-2-Vision (818261) 10.00 Music Videos (9034639) 2.00em Last Dance (25566) CNN INTERNATIONAL

Via the Astra satellite
 Twenty-lour hour news bulletins

RADIO 3 6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air, presented by Chris de Souza, including Beethoven (Symptomy No 3 in F: London (sympnony wo sin P. London Classical Players under Roger Nortington); Berlioz (Réverie and Caprice: Paris Oxchestra: under Daniel Barenboim, with Itzhak Periman, violin); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1 in E. Ilat: Swatostav Richter, LSO under Kiral Kondrashin)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Bruckner. Pange, Ingua; Kyrie, Mass No 1 in D minor Mass No 1 to Diminor (Bevanan Radio Chorus under Eugen Jochum); Symphony No 7 et E (Oresden Staatskepelle under Herbert Biomstedt); Ecce sacerdos magnus (Bavanan Radio Chorus under Eugen Jochum) Monating Sequence: Vivaldi Sonata in Geriera 1946. Sonata in G minor, RV42

Anthony Pleeth and Richard Webb, cellos, Melvyn Tan, harpsichord): Sullivan, reconstr Mackenas (Cello Concerto in D Julian Lloyd Webber, LSO under Charles Mackenas); Bocchemi (Soneta n E flat. G10 Anthony Pleeth and Richard Weblo, cellos, Melvyn Tan, harpsichord): Elgar (Cello Concerto in E manor: Jacquaine du Pré, London Symphony Orchestra under John Barbiroth

12.00 Early Lieder: Stephen Ventoe, bantone, Peter Seymour, fortepano, perform Reichardt (Der Fischer); Zumsteeg (Richard und Mathäde); Liewe (Die Nachlighe) Heisenstein (nicialo uno manada); Loev (Die Nachliche Heerschau; Herr Out); Schubert (De Sänger, D149; Der Schäfer und der Reiter, D517; Der Taucher, D77b) (r)

Concerto No 1 in G minor. Victor Tretyakov): Beethove (Symphony No 7 in A) Imogen Cooper. The planst plays Schoenberg (Six Little Pieces, Op 19): Schubert

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second of two programmes,

(Polkas de salon, Op 7) 4.15 William Mathias: in the

under Walter Weller performs Mozen (Symphony No 36 in C. K425, Linz): Bruch (Violen (Sonata in G. D884; German-Dences and Ecossaises D783r. Janacek (Sonata in E.

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TELEVISION CHOICE PETER WAYMARK/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVAILE

BBC Welsh SO under Grant Liewellyn performs Requiescat, Op 79; Symphony No 3] 5.00 in Tune: Peter Paul Nash with music, news and intervi-

7.30 City of Birmingham SO: Live from Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Mark-Anthony Birmingham, Mark-Anthony Turnage (Leaving: with the CBSO Chorus under Simon Halsey). 7.55 Vorsprung durch Technik and All That. Timothy Buck, reflects on the status of the German language in the Anglo-Saxon world. 8.15 Braitms (A German Requiem: with the CBSO Chorus under Robert Shaw) 9.30 Words, with Thomas Sulciffle, arts editor of The Independent

arts editor of The Independent 9.35 The Swiss Barroque: London Baroque plays chamber music. Ablicastro (Trio Sonata in C, Op 8 No 4): Fritz (Trio Sonata in D, Op 4 No 5; Violin Duo No 5 in D minor); Athicastro (Trio Sonata in A Albicastro (Trio Sonata in A

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Condon's celebrated New York club will be on the top of next week's agenda (r)

10.45 Night Wavea: Roy Porter chairs a discussion on political morality, and there is a first-right review of Sondheim's Assassins at London's Dommer Warehouse

11.30 Chopin — The Great interpreters: Stephen Plassow introduces the first of Plassow introduces the first of four programmes, played by desinguished Chopin plansiss Vladimir Ashkenazy plays 12 Enucles, Op 10; Prelude in C sharp minor, Op 45; Baffade No 1 in 6 minor, Op 23; Etudes, Op 25 Nos 3 and 4 12,30-12,35am News

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Cadfael (s)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW only): The Dwarf Who Stepped Over the Universe

10.30 Woman's Hour. The garden designer Penelope Hobhouse takes Jenni Murray on a tour of gardens across the ages. Incl. 11.00 News. Correspondent 12.00 You and Yours, with John

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7.20 Relative Values: The Roys

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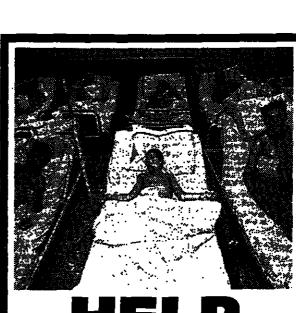
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Norwegians agree a £500,000 fee

Liverpool ready to complete Bjornebye deal

NORWAY'S growing reput-ation as a country providing footballers of potential and quality should be further enhanced in the next few days when Stig Inge Bjornebye joins Liverpool.

Bjornebye, a cultured left-sided midfielder who plays for Rosenborg, the Norwegian champions, arrived in England yesterday for what he described as a "assessment period" at British football's most successful club.

Bjornebye, showing maturibeyond his 22 years, said that he was taking nothing for granted, but his presence at last night's Coca Cola Cup, third round tie between Sheffield United and Liverpool at Bramall Lane would suggest that he is something more

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, is believed to have already negotiated a £500,000 transfer fee with Rosenborg for a youngster who made a significant contribution when the Norwegian international side earned a draw in a World Cup qualify-Wembley earlier this month.

Although any transfer would be dependent upon Bjornebye being granted a work permit. Liverpool officials do not anticipate any problems as he is a proven international with 22 senior appearances for his country.

Norway have been an emerging nation over the past ten years or so and they are now bringing through a number of quality players," Souness said. "In that particu-

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lar respect, they have caught up with Denmark. The players now coming out of Norway are extremely professional."

Sourcess first became interested in Bjornebye during the

summer, when he impressed during a friendly game be-tween Liverpool and Rosenborg. The decision to make a firm offer for a player who Souness is likely to con-vert into a full back was taken at the weekend after Torn Saunders. Liverpool's senior score the winning goal for Rosenborg, in the 3-2 victory over Lilleström in the Norwe-

Sources is expected to announce later today whether or not he is to appeal against the five-match touchline ban imposed by Uefa. European football's governing body, on Tuesday for comments he made to the referee after last week's Cup Winner's Cup tie against Spartak Moscow in

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Drawn games during the later stages of the 1994 World Cup in the United States could be settled by sudden death, ing body is also considering awarding three points for a win during the group stages to discourage the negative football that has, in recent years, blighted the early part of the

"We want to do everything to make the game more attractive," Sepp Blatter, the Fifa general secretary, said in Zurich. Sudden death, which means the game is decided as

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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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was tried during the Euro-pean under-18 championship in July and Fifa will repeat the experiment next year in world

Blatter said that neither proposal would have to be approved by the International Football Association Board, which supervises the rules of

San Marino came within four minutes of causing a World Cup upset against Turkey in a qualifying group two fixture in Ankara yesterday. They were heading for a 1-1 days and their first mount in the control of t draw and their first point in competitive football when their defence broke down and condeming them to a 4-1. Turkey's win - their highest in the World Cup for 16 years - lifts them above England in group two with two points from their two matches. Eng-land drew with Norway last

Turkey expected an easy victory against a side beaten 10-0 by Norway, but they struggled to break through a Hakan in the 38th minute gave them a 1-0 lead at halftime, but the 30,000 crowd were silenced after the interval when Bacciocchi, a shop assistant, equalised in the 53rd minute, recording San Mari-no's second international in the process.

Orhan restored Turkey's lead after 86 minutes, then Hakan scored his second two minutes later with a header. Hami made it four in injury

The Turkish manas Piontek, was dismayed afterwards. They are amateurs. We are professionals," he said. "I don't see how my team can qualify for the finals. I almost died."

Lithuania drew with Latvia 1-1 in group three, lifting Lithuania into second place with five points, above Northem Ireland and trailing the Republic of Ireland on goal difference.

Cesar Luis Menotti, the coach of the Mexican national team, has withdrawn his resignation, 24 hours after announcing that he would step down from the post. He said he had been confused by a power struggle over control of the Mexican football federation and that he had decided to stay on "for the good of



Stretching a point: Boris Becker on his way to victory over Jonas Svensson, of Swe

Scots call on Sole's successor

By Alan Lorimer

DAVID Sole may have retired to Edinburgh Academicals Kelso were playing him out of from international rughy, but the former captain of Scotland is still influencing the shape of the national team.

Sole has been helping Duncan Wilson, his successor at Edinburgh Academicals, in all aspects of the game since the beginning of the season, and the success of his coaching has been recognised by the young prop's inclusion in the national squad which will train at Murrayfield on

Sunday. "We have been very impressed with Wilson's play in recent club games and see him as a loose-head prop," Duncan Paterson, the Scotland team manager, said yesterday.

Wilson, who represented Scotland at under-21 level, started his rugby career at Livingston and also played for Currie before opting to move thus season. The other interesting choice

among the forwards is that of Shade Munro, the Glasgow High-Kelvinside lock, whose career was interrupted when he suffered a complicated leg fracture only weeks before he was due to tour New Zealand with Scotland in 1990. So bad was the injury that his career looked over, but Munro recovered sufficiently to play for Scotland in the Student

World Cup in Italy last season. Munro comes in at the expense of Neil Edwards and Andy Macdonald (the selectors have opted to have one fewer forward in the squad), while David Jackson, the Edinburgh Academicals flanker, and Adam Roxburgh are also out Paterson suggested that Roxburgh's absence had much to do with the fact that

position. "We want to see him at open-side flanker and not at No. 8, " he said. The significant change in

the backs is the addition of Murry Walker, Boroughmuir stand-off half, who has played a key role in taking his club to the top of the McEwan's championship.

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SCOTLAND SQUAD: Backs: M Appleson (London Scotlish), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest, C Cristmass (Metroes), G Heistings (Watsonlans), I String County), K Logard (String County), K Logard (String County), N Logard (String County), N Logard (String County), M Stanter (Horodon Scotlish), G Stark (Boroughmuin, G Townsend (Gale), I Tulsalo (State), M Watter (Boroughmuin), Forwards: P Burnell (London Scotlish), T Lose (Gary (Notingham), C Hogg (Meirose), P Jones (Glousster), D Metro-Foliaty, C Gary (Notingham), C Hogg (Meirose), P Jones (Glousster), D Metro-Foliaty Academicals), K Minro (Gasgow High-Kelvinside), S Raid (Glousster), D Martin (London Scotlish), S Martin (Glousster), D Tartimicals), I Smith (Glousster), D Tartimicals), I Smith (Glousster), D Tartimicals), I Smith (Glousster), D Martin (Heavick), R Metrose), D Wilson (Edinburgh Academicals), A Watt (Glaspow High-Kelvinside), G Wein (Metrose), D Wilson (Edinburgh Academicals), P Winght (Boroughmair).

Bishop ready to play important role

eters arrived in Australia yesterday with their manager. David Holford, expressing the hope that the forthcoming Test series would be less bitterly contested than the one between the teams in the Caribbean last year, which was blighted by frequent on-field clashes between the "It's important for the game

to have a clean series," Holford said. "We will play the way we normally play and we hope to have a very enjoyable time in Australia." There is a good chance of a fresh start because nine of the

16 players in the touring party have never played a Test against Australia, who last won a home series against retirement from international cricket of Viv Richards. Gordon Greenidge, Jeff Dujon and Malcolm Marshall has middle order. left the West Indies a little short on experience.

Richie Richardson, who will again captain the side and will carry much of the batting responsibility, had encouraging news of fast bowler, Ian In the three-Test series Bishop who, he said, had made a complete recovery from back problems and had impressed at the pre-tour

training camp.

Bishop began his international career by taking 53 wickets in his first 11 Tests, but has not played a Test match in more than two years. The Jamaican left-hander, Jimmy Adams, and Phil

Simmons, of Trinidad, will be of the few bright spots. He in contention for the job of struck his first Test century in partnering Desmond Haynes, with Brian Lara at No. 4 and Gus Logie and Hooper in the

Richardson has six fast bowlers of quality at his dis-posal and all will take heart from the fact that Australia have some batting problems to

against Sri Lanka earlier this year Mark Waugh and Tom Moody averaged 10.17 and 11.83 respectively and Australia's top five contributed 110 runs or more only twice in six innings, with Waugh failing to score four times in a row, as Australia struggled to a 1-0 win in the series.

Allan Border's form was one

four years in Colombo. The West Indies will have

five days of practise before the opening match against an Australian Cricket Board XI at Lilac Hill, a suburb of Perth, next Monday. The five-Test series begins in Brisbane on November 27.

Pakistan are the third team competing in the World Series Cup, making a speedy return to the scene of their World Cup triumph. The one-day series starts in Perth on December A. (Reuter)
WEST INDIES PARTY: R B Richardson (captain), J.C. Adams, C.E. Larbosse, K.L. T. Arbusse, K.L. T. Arbusse, K.L. T. Arbusse, K.L. T. Arbusse, C.L. Hooper, B.C. Lasa, A.L. Lopie, J. Murray, B.P. Patterson, P.V. Stramons, C.A. Walah, D. Wallarne,

Llangdegfedd pike poised to smash record

By BRIAN CLARKE

A BRITISH record is to be claimed for a pike so vast that it would knock any previously caught fish of its species into a distant cocked hat, whether confirmed or

The fish was caught at Llangdegfedd reservoir, near Pontypool and, when weighed on a stamped set of farm scales, weighed 48lb 4oz in the sling which held it, 46lb exactly when the weight of the sling was deducted.

If the scales are accepted as accurate,

the fish would beat by I Ooz the previous record pike, a fish caught from the same lake by Gareth Edwards, the Welsh rugby union international, in 1989. Even if the scales are shown to be a few

ounces out and Edwards' great fish retains the crown by a hair's breadth, the pike caught by Roy Lewis, of Teddington, will still be in a class of its own.

All big pike are females, and most of the biggest pike on record — including that taken by Edwards — have been caught in the early spring, when the fish have been carrying several pounds of

The fish caught and safety returned to Llangdegfedd carlier this week will have had little or no spawn in it. Had it been caught in March, shortly before the pike season closes and as the fish get ready to mate, the 46lb pike would have weighed well over 50lb -- and anything up to 54lb. Anglers have converged on Llangdegfedd from all over Britain over the past few weeks, because of the lake's record for producing big pike on the few occasions in the past when it has been

Over the next few weeks they will converge on a range of other famous pike waters that recession hit fishery owners are opening to pike anglers at up to £40 a

With only two more pike-days left at Llangdegfedd, all eyes will now he on Bough Beech reservoir, in Kent, another potential record-breaker, which will be pike-fished until December 3. Both lakes were identified in this column on-October 15 as those most likely to produce record pike this season.

South Africa's * rugby tour given go-ahead

By Our Sports Staff

SOUTH Africa's four-match rugby union visit to England was cleared last night after the African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa had grudgingly reversed its decision to back calls for the tour to

Steve Tshwere, the ANC's sports spokesman, said: "We call on anti-apartheid activists not to campaign for the cancellation of the tour, but to find creative ways to support the efforts of the National Olym-

pic Sports Congress (Nosc)."

The ANC-aligned Nosc had announced on Sunday that it would campaign against the tour, citing the lack of commitment by the South Airican Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) to development programmes.

Tshuste said that since the Tshwete said that since the South African team was already overseas — it completes its programme in France by playing the French Barbarians on Saturday before flying to London on Sunday — it was "impractical to call the current tour off", but the ANC would reevaluate its support for future international contact.

The ANC statement made clear that Sarfu would be required to demonstrate much rugby development in the townships if it wanted future tours and the 1995 World

Cup to proceed as planned.
Tsliwete was quoted in South African newspapers yes-terday as saying of Danie Craven, Sariu's co-president, and Louis Luyt, head of Transvaal rugby: "Unless they make way for younger people who can reason, I do not see my way clear to getting involved

in rugby again." Craven said the ANC deci-

Mr Tshwete to help clear the air". He said he had no plans

to resign.

Dudley Wood, secretary of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) at Twickenham, welcomed the ANC's about-turn. Wood said that sport had triumphed over politics. "Rugby union is one of the

Rugby timon is one of the last sports to have resumed relations with South Africa and it would have been very sad if the tour had been called off," Wood said. The South Africans open their English programme by playing Midiands at Leicester next week.

Leeds city council, which had threatened to refuse to allow the South Africans to play the North at Elland Road on November 10, last night gave the go-ahead to the match. However, anti-apart-heid protesters decided that a presence was still appropriate near the venues in England.

Gerard Ornasta-Milsom, campaigns organiser for the Anti-spartheid Movement, said the intended presence of president F.W. de Klerk of South Africa meant there was a specific reason to target the

"We won't take the form of actual protests at the match close by, calling for non-racial rugby and progress in South Africa as a whole. In Leeds, I understand our supporters are looking at having a raily not

He said the movement would not disrupt matches or continue to call for their cancellation, but he was uncertain about activities of the splinter organisation, City of London Anti-apartheid Group.

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BOA plays for time

CRAIG Reedie the new elected chairman of the British Olympic Association (BOA), said yesterday that the body should not express any opinion concerning the meeting on Saturday of the National Weightlifters' Federation concerning positive tests immediately before this year's Olympic Games (David Miller writes).

More time was necessary, he said, to ascertain facts and legal implications. The imme-

diate practical concern was between the federation and the Sports Council, whose random testing precipitated a controversy on whether Clenbuterol is a hanned substance. Wally Holland, speaking for the federation, said he felt a decision had to be taken whether or not to suspend the two competitors, but the BOA would not necessarily be bound by that decision.

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